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Committee looking at new strategies to lure tourists to city

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That's exactly what all Torontonians need to do to make visitors feel more welcome, say tourism officials, given that surveys show today's tourists go home a lot less satisfied with their visits here than they did 20 years ago.

"It's everyone's responsibility to sell this city. It's everyone's obligation to ensure we welcome our visitors," Coun. Michael Thompson said at a meeting of the economic development committee yesterday where there was a report on new tourist strategies.

A campaign launched under the slogan "We've been expecting you" is meant to make sure tourists feel wanted and loved from the minute they arrive at the airport, train station or hotel. It will encourage average folks to do things like stop on the street to help a visitor fumbling with a map, or go out of their way to explain how the subway system works.

"It goes beyond customer service. It's the sense of welcome. It's the things you would do if someone were coming to your house — spruce up the house, get the candles out, put the kids in the backyard," said David Whitaker, president and CEO of Tourism Toronto.

The agency plans to unveil draft logos for the campaign today.

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satisfaction numbers drop over the years

» A study done by the University of Guelph for Tourism Toronto found in 1998, nearly 70 per cent of respondents were "very satisfied" with their Toronto experience. By 2006, that had dropped to less than 50 per cent. Similarly, in 2006, only 17 per cent said service here exceeded their expectations, compared with 30 per cent in 1998.

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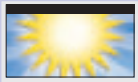

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Quake vigil

Primary school students hold a candlelight vigil yesterday for earthquake victims in China's Chongqing municipality. The death toll closed in on 15,000 yesterday, with nearly 26,000 people buried in collapsed buildings from Monday's magnitude 7.9 earthquake. Story, page 10.

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Two Toronto-area men were fined $20,000 this week after being caught with 18 pounds of illegal caviar, which is highly regulated in Canada. Roman Weig, 53, and Sergiy Pak, 44, pleaded guilty in court Tuesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Speed blamed in crash

Driver faces charges after deadly collision

two dead, 10 injured

» Fizza Rizvi, an 18-year-old Toronto woman, and Rehan Tanvir, a 20-year-old man from Mississauga, died when Riaz lost control of his car. Police say the vehicle was travelling at more than 100 km/h. Ten people were taken to hospital.

His spine damaged, his face cut in several places, his head, liver, hips and legs injured, 23-year-old Osama Farid lay unconscious and in critical condition last night in an intensive care room at St. Michael's Hospital 24 hours after a spectacular accident near Eglinton Avenue East and Credit Union Drive that left two of his co-workers dead and one facing four criminal charges.

Police say a Honda Accord was westbound on Eglinton around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday when it jumped the concrete median and struck an SUV and Bell Canada utility van.

A 19-year-old woman, who was buckled up in the front seat, was upgraded to serious but stable condition yesterday morning.

The driver of the car, Rehan Riaz, 21, appeared in provincial court earlier yesterday in a wheelchair, his case remanded until May 23.

Riaz is facing two counts of dangerous driving causing death. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Night court closing as of July 1

If you're planning to fight a parking ticket in night court to avoid taking time off work, better do it before July 1.

As of that date, Tuesday and Thursday evening sessions at Old City Hall will no longer be held.

Instead, people will have to challenge tickets under the Provincial Offences Act on weekdays at three locations (Old City Hall, 1530 Markham Rd. and 2700 Eglinton Ave. W.), or make their case at first-appearance court now happening Saturdays at Old City Hall.

reasons

» The city's director of court services said the number of people opting for night court has been decreasing, and the Saturday sessions are probably a better fit for many.

"We don't have people sitting around court all day," said Barry Randell, the city's director of court services. "You're given the option of one of four 90-minute sessions to attend, so two hours off work is about the most you need." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ratepayer asks Catholic trustees to step down

Reports of excessive spending by Toronto Catholic trustees is a "scandal and a disgrace" and they should all resign so the board can repair its reputation and get on with business, an angry ratepayer told trustees last night.

The actions of the trustees "have damaged the reputation of the (board) and Catholic education," Michael Baillargeon told Toronto Catholic District School Board at a committee meeting attended by all trustees, adding he sent a letter to Education Minister Kathleen Wynne requesting her to appoint a provincial overseer to manage the board.

"You have breached the public trust and in that respect, you no longer hold the trust or confidence of your constituents," said Baillargeon, who applied, but was not chosen, to replace former trustee Christine Nunziata, who was removed from the board for missing too many meetings amid allegations of improper spending. " TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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York University biology professor Laurence Packer examines a carpenter bee from Kenya. Packer is leading international experts in Toronto this week to devise a global plan to identify all bee species in the world.

Buzz about bee research

There's a certain buzz at York University this week.

International bee experts have converged on Toronto to develop a plan to catalogue all species of the insect across the planet.

According to York biology professor Laurence Packer, who's leading the group's efforts, precisely 19,231 different kinds of bees have been identified. But he thinks there might be another 5,000 or more species out there waiting.

The bee gang clustering at York is trying to launch a DNA bar-coding campaign to more easily track all the bees in the world.

"The bar code on a specimen tells you that this is an important pollinator for blueberries, rather than an important pollinator for apples or canola," Packer said.

The group is hoping to get funding of $700,000 to complete the task. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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» **PLANS** A new provincial courthouse and a new YMCA could jump-start long-held plans to redevelop the Six Points interchange at Bloor Street and Kipling Avenue into a new focal point for Etobicoke. Sources say the province is considering buying city land for a 9,290-square-metre building to house criminal and family courts. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

All eyes on arbitrator in TTC talks

Just weeks after the strike of April 25, TTC management and workers are travelling much more quietly toward a labour deal, albeit one imposed by a third party. Both the transit agency and Amalgamated Transit Union local 113 have officially agreed to an arbitrator. Kevin Burkett now has less than 90 days to decide on a new contract.

TTC chief general manager Gary Webster told In Transit on Monday, "Often, when you're working with a third party, you've been unable to reach a tentative agreement and you've ended up in some kind strike or lockout situation. In the TTC's case, there was a tentative agreement reached between the two parties."

The executive board of local 113 officially supported the proposed contract before workers voted it down, but Webster acknowledges it "wasn't recommended by all the members of the union executive and clearly wasn't supported by the majority" of employees who cast votes. He states, "The issue really becomes ... how much weight Mr. Burkett puts on the tentative settlement."

Several media reports suggest Burkett could approve a final contract that closely resembles the negotiated version.

The TTC chief says a meeting with both parties and the arbitrator has been set up for later this month. Burkett is to study briefs from each side about which issues they believe are and are not in dispute.

Webster points out, "You can't raise anything now that wasn't discussed as part of the contract negotiations."

But isn't that claim complicated by reports the ATU tabled new demands right after the strike? Webster confirms, "There was a document that was presented to management after the strike and, you know, it's probably not appropriate to comment any further about that document, but (it) obviously didn't lead us to any kind of negotiated settlement on the Sunday following the strike," (the day Ontario legislators ordered TTC employees back to work).

A few key irritants have also strained relations between the TTC and its workers, even before the formal contract talks began earlier this year. One is a request from surface vehicle operators for plastic shield doors to avoid abuse from passengers, and the other is a long-awaited job evaluation that could potentially boost wages for drivers and collectors — on top of any yearly increases designated in a labour contract.

Webster says both parties agreed not to bring up driver barriers during bargaining and the job classification process also continues separately. However, he states that the tentative contract's so-called GTA clause would not have been "triggered" if the job evaluation issue was finally settled in "favour of the union." In that scenario, he says if a nearby transit agency agreed to bigger raises than a TTC contract provides its own workers, this would "not re-open our wages."

Coming up, I'll ask ATU president Bob Kinnear for his views on these and other developments.

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Jail death called accidental

At least Keigo White's death won't be in vain — or so hopes Toronto lawyer Barry Swadron.

A coroner's jury ruled Tuesday that White died accidentally as a result of complications from hanging and it made 10 recommendations designed to help others who may be going through methadone withdrawal in jail.

The 40-year-old former heroin addict died nearly three months after being found unconscious with a ligature around his neck in October 2006 in the Don Jail.

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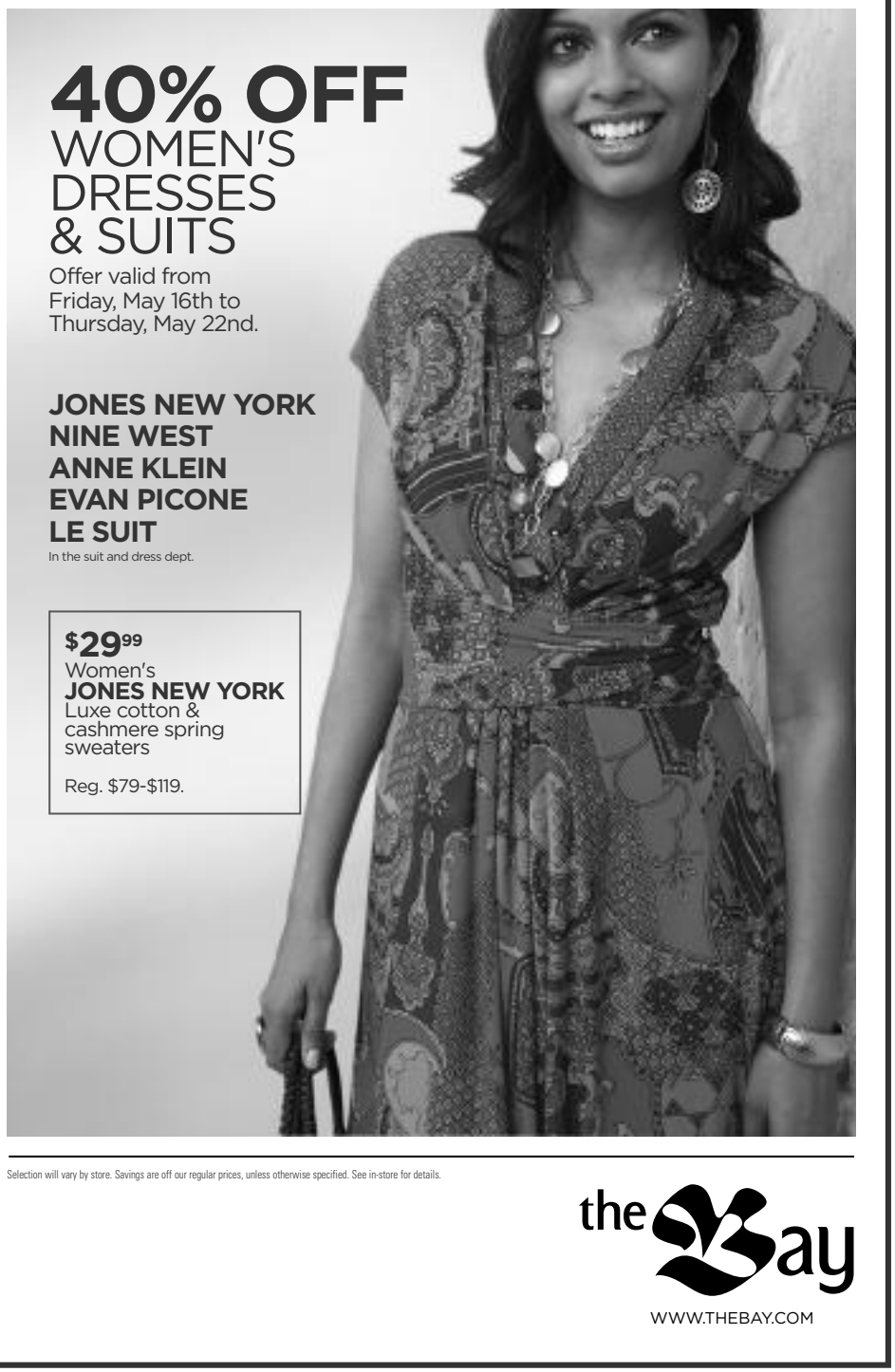

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Despite the new morning debates at Queen's Park, there will be no cafe lattes or double-double coffees for MPPs in the legislature, a parliamentary committee has decreed. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Forces will spend more

Figure quoted by Tories this week too low: Official

The Canadian Forces are slated to spend over the next two decades about $20 billion more than the government let on earlier this week on planes, weapons, ships and armoured-vehicle purchases, Canada's No. 2 soldier has revealed.

Lt.-Gen. Walter Natynczyk, the vice chief of defence staff, said the Canada First Defence Strategy would involve the purchase of between $45 billion and $50 billion worth of equipment between now and 2028.

On Monday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Defence Minister Peter MacKay presented the "total investments we're making in the military in the next generation" as a $30-billion undertaking during a news conference in Halifax.

But the $30-billion figure only represents the budget for the Department of National Defence in 2028 as a result of a 2 per cent annual budget increase that starts in 2011.

"What we're going to invest between now and (2028), and further on beyond that, is that $45 billion to $50 billion," a senior military official explained yesterday. "These are two different numbers. They mean two different things."

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Lee Breen is led by a member of the sheriff's department to a waiting vehicle to take him to jail yesterday outside the Provincial Courthouse in Fredericton, N.B.

Fredericton skateboarder goes to jail

A 25-year-old Fredericton man is behind bars today after surrendering to police.

His crime? Skateboarding on the streets.

Lee Breen was originally ticketed in the summer of 2007 for skateboarding on the streets of Fredericton. This was after receiving several warnings about Bylaw S-9, which makes it illegal to use a sled, toboggan, wagon or skateboard on the streets of New Brunswick's capital.

Breen said he politely told the officer he wasn't going to pay the fine or stop skateboarding. In April, a judge increased the fine to $100 and gave him the choice of paying it or spending five days in jail.

Breen decided he would rather be locked up.

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» **IMMIGRATION** As Canada's refugee backlog continues to grow, asylum seekers from the United States are appearing prominently on the radar for the first time, ranking fifth among other top refugee source countries in the world. Close to 1,000 American citizens filed asylum claims in Canada in 2007, with 305 more lodged just in the first three months of this year, pushing the number of backlogged American cases to 1,339.

» **PLAYMATE** She signed her thighs, she signed her breasts, she signed ... well, there was no shortage of places for Jayde Nicole to autograph on 10 pages of glossy nude photos in the June issue of Playboy magazine. Looking pretty in a red-and-white mini sundress — "I'm wearing Canadian colours" — the raven-haired 2008 Playmate of the Year greeted fans in her hometown of Port Perry last night. Nicole, 22, called the reception "amazing."

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Group doles out gas cash

Cross-country protest against higher taxes

Gerry Wrigley was one of several drivers across the country who pulled up to the pumps yesterday expecting to shell out for high gas prices but got an unexpected refund instead.

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation surprised Wrigley in Halifax and drivers at nine gas stations across Canada by reimbursing the amount of gas tax they paid to highlight what the group says is government "gouging."

"You're kidding," Wrigley said when federation director John Williamson offered him $23 — the equivalent to the tax the Halifax retiree paid on the $71.80 it cost him to fill up his Hyundai Sonata.

The federation was handing out cash to mark its 10th annual gas tax honesty day and to call for lower gas taxes and more spending on roads.

The group says gas and diesel taxes account for an average of 28 per cent of the price Canadians pay at the pump. Williamson said Canadians have been spending an average of $1.16 per litre over the past 12 months — an increase of 17 cents over last year's average price.

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taxed twice

» Ten cents from every litre of gas goes to the federal government and it received $4 billion in gas tax revenues last year. Williamson said drivers are also being taxed twice — first by the gas tax and then by the GST or PST applied on top.

Ottawa **Rally for rights**

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Justin Laku, centre, and Shak Sagour, right, of Sudan take part in the Global Human Rights Torch Relay yesterday in front of the Chinese embassy in Ottawa. The Olympic-like torch has been around the world and is now being carried across Canada to draw attention to Chinese rights abuses ahead of the Beijing Olympics in August.

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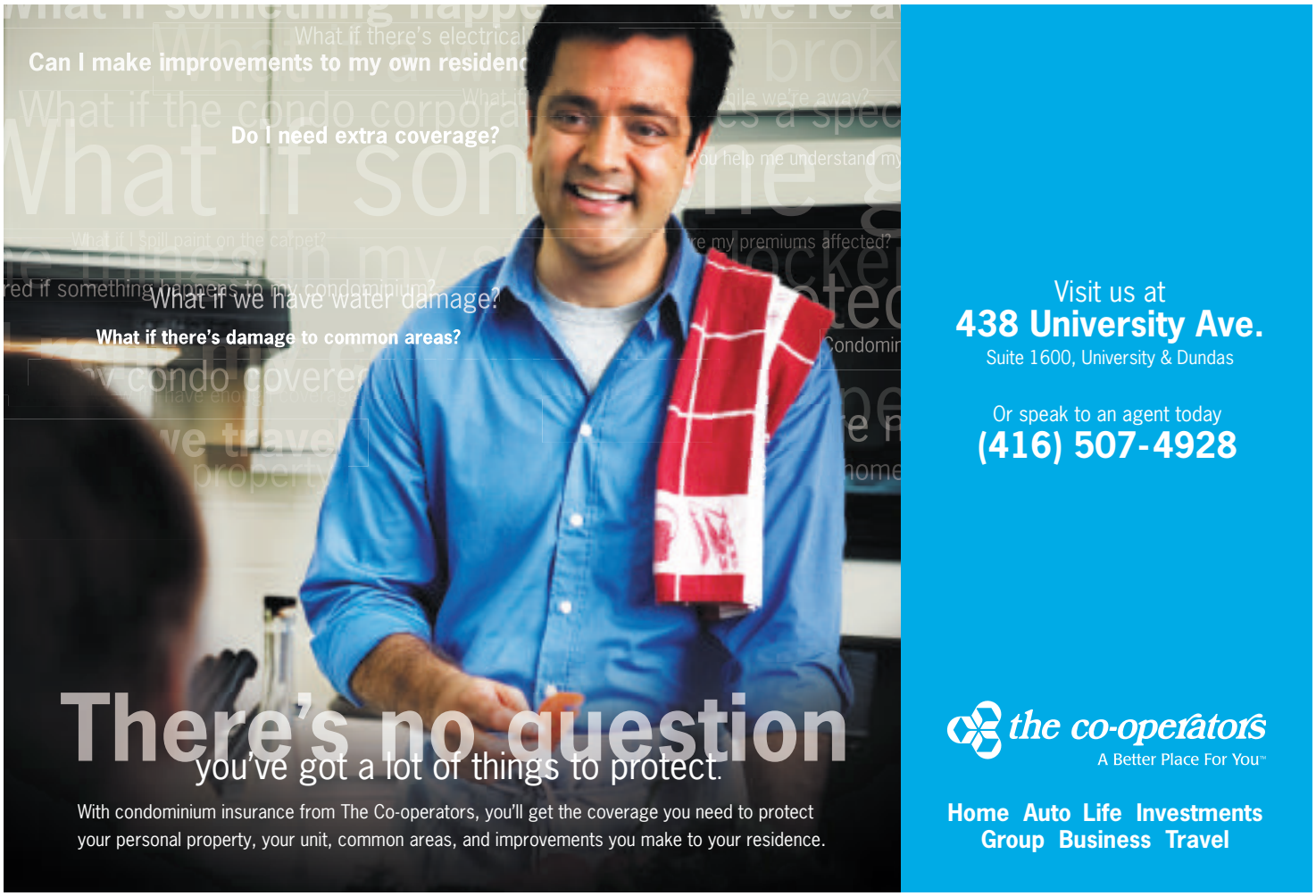
» **HEALTH** Nearly one-fifth of the nurses in hospitals across the country acknowledge making errors when giving patients medications, with understaffing and working too much overtime primarily blamed for the likelihood of those mistakes occurring, a report by Statistics Canada says. In its report released yesterday, Statistics Canada said that in settings in which nurses ended up working beyond their regular shifts due to understaffing and inadequate resources, patients were more likely to receive the wrong medication or dosage.

» **CHARGES** Four seal hunters are facing charges in Newfoundland for allegedly failing to properly check if the seals they shot were actually dead when they were skinned. The charges — 17 in all — relate to hunting that took place in April 2007 in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, said Jerry Walsh, a spokesman for the federal Fisheries Department.

» **COURT** The Saskatchewan Court of Appeal has upheld the conviction of former Canadian Football League player Trevis Smith for knowingly exposing two women to HIV and not telling them about his condition. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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world

A Swiss pilot strapped on a jet-powered wing and leaped from a plane yesterday for the first public demonstration of the homemade device, turning figure eights and soaring high above the Alps. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Damaged dams raise alarm

Chinese officials fear collapse

Thousands of Chinese soldiers rushed yesterday to repair a dam badly cracked by the country's massive earthquake, while rescuers arrived for the first time in the epicentre of the disaster to find whole villages flattened.

The death toll in Monday's massive quake stood at almost 15,000, but with tens of thousands of people still missing and buried, there were fears it could soar much higher.

China's top economic planning body said the quake damaged 391 mostly small dams. It also left "extremely dangerous" cracks in the Zipingpu Dam upriver from the earthquake-hit city of Dujiangyan and some 2,000 soldiers were sent to repair the damage, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

media attention

» Unlike previous natural disasters in China, state media has reported prominently on the quake. State television has cancelled regular programming to run 24-hour coverage.

He Biao, director of the Aba Disaster Relief headquarters in northern Sichuan province, said there were also concerns over dams closer to the epicentre.

"Currently, the most dangerous problems are several reservoirs near Wenchuan," he said.

"There are already serious problems with the Tulong Reservoir on the Min River. It may collapse. If that happens, it would affect several power plants below and be extremely dangerous," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Edwards backs Obama

Democrat John Edwards is endorsing former rival Barack Obama, in a fresh sign the party establishment is embracing the likely nominee even as Hillary Rodham Clinton refuses to give up her long-shot candidacy.

Edwards made a surprise appearance with Obama in Grand Rapids, Mich., as the Illinois senator campaigns in a critical general election battleground state.

The endorsement comes the day after Clinton defeated Obama by more than 2-to-1 in West Virginia.

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Myanmar toll may hit 128,000: Group

The Red Cross estimated yesterday that the cyclone death toll in Myanmar could be as high as 128,000, a much higher figure than the government tally. The UN warned a second wave of deaths will follow unless the military regime lets in more aid quickly.

The grim forecast came as heavy rains drenched the devastated Irrawaddy River delta, disrupting aid operations already struggling to reach up to 2.5 million people in urgent need of food, water and shelter.

A tropical depression in the Bay of Bengal added new worries, but late in the day forecasters said it was weakening and unlikely to grow into a cyclone.

assurance

» Thailand's prime minister says Myanmar's leaders have assured him they are in control of cyclone relief operations and don't need foreign experts. Samak Sundaravej also says top junta officials have assured him they can guarantee there are no cases of starvation or disease among the country's estimated two million cyclone survivors.

Myanmar's government issued a revised casualty toll last night, saying 38,491 were known dead and 27,838 were missing.

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Florida **Wildfires destroy homes**

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Rachel Green, 11, looks through remains of the family home in Palm Bay, Fla., yesterday. The house was razed by wildfires that also destroyed nearly 10,000 acres in Palm Bay and nearby Malibar.

»news In Brief

» **ANTS** Voracious swarming ants that apparently arrived in Texas aboard a cargo ship are invading homes and yards across the Houston area, shorting out electrical boxes and messing up computers.

» **DEATHS** Austrian police discovered the bodies of five people yesterday after a man turned up at a Vienna police station saying he killed his family.

» **CORRECTION** In yesterday's edition in the Travel section, a cathedral was misidentified. The picture shows St. Stephen's cathedral in Vienna. Metro regrets the error. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MySpace was awarded a quarter-billion-dollar damage judgment against a notorious spammer after "Spam King" Sanford Wallace failed to show up for a court hearing in Los Angeles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In Brief

» **DISPUTE** Online classifieds giant Craigslist has countersued its minority owner, EBay Inc., alleging the online auctioneer attempted to quash competition by using information gleaned from its 28 per cent stake in Craigslist to benefit its own classifieds site Kijiji. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Homes market more balanced

New listings of homes for sale on the Multiple Listing Service in major markets in Canada reached their highest level ever in April thanks to Toronto and Saskatoon, the Canadian Real Estate Association reported yesterday.

But it also said its housing market survey shows new listings rose by more than sales activity, resulting in a more balanced resale housing market in April than in any other month in the past nine years, making it much more of a buyer's market.

"This means buyers face less competition in their search for a home," said Calvin Lindberg, CREA president. "It also means more competition among home sellers." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bell can slow traffic for now

Watchdog to rule on issue this fall

Bell Canada has been given permission to continue slowing down traffic from independent Internet service providers on its network until the telecommunications regulator renders a verdict.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission ruled yesterday that the Internet providers had not proved they would suffer irreparable harm if they were not granted interim relief from the Bell practice.

The interim ruling was hard to understand in light of the "public outcry" provoked by Bell's actions, said Tom Copeland, chair of the Internet providers association. He noted more than 1,100 individuals filed comments with the CRTC on this issue.

"We have lost our status as one of the world's most connected nations, and it is decisions like this that should cause Canadians and the government serious concerns," he said.

The Canadian Association of Internet Providers had complained Bell's "throttling practices will make it difficult or impossible for members to properly manage the services they provide." THE CANADIAN PRESS

decision

» The CRTC has not ruled on the issue and will announce today the process it will use toward arriving at a final decision in the fall.

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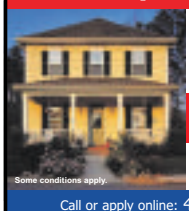

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More cash for GM?

McGuinty says competition gives him no choice

broken promise

» NDP Leader Howard Hampton said former Economic Development Minister Joe Cordiano had promised in 2005 that the province's $235-million investment in General Motors would guarantee jobs across Ontario.

Ontario's Liberal government is prepared to give General Motors more taxpayers' money for new projects despite thousands of layoffs recently announced by an automaker that's already received $235 million from the province, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

GM wants the Ontario and federal governments to contribute $140 million toward a new engine plant in St. Catharines and a new research and development centre in Oshawa.

McGuinty said Ontario has no choice because of "stiff" competition from several American states that are also suffering job losses in manufacturing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ford recall

50,000 trucks affected in Canada

BRAKES Ford Motor Co. is recalling 50,000 Ford F-150 and Lincoln Mark LT pickup trucks in Canada to fix a hose that could affect the vehicles' braking power.

The automaker is issuing the recall of more than 655,000 in all the 2005-06 versions of the trucks with 5.4 litre, three-valve engines. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Smart car gets highest rating in U.S. crash tests

shorter, lighter

» The micro car is about a metre shorter and nearly 320 kilograms lighter than a Mini Cooper.

The smallest car for sale in the U.S. market has been declared safe by the insurance industry. The 2.6-metre Smart for two micro car has earned the highest rating in front-end and side-impact testing by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The institute's president, Adrian Lund, says among the smallest vehicles, Smart car engineers designed a high level of safety into a very small package.

Lund says a small car may be more practical in congested urban areas where serious, high-speed crashes are less likely. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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sports

The Baltimore Ravens have reached a compromise with franchise player Terrell Suggs, left, his agent said. Suggs will be paid a one-year tender worth nearly $8.5 million US as a hybrid defensive end/linebacker, according to his agent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Swedish forward Mattias Weinhandl takes to the air as he scores his overtime winning goal against Czech Republic goalkeeper Milan Hnilicka yesterday. Sweden won 3-2.

Sweden wins an OT thriller

Even without their stars, Swedes defeat Czechs

The no-name Swedes are starting to look familiar at the IIHF World Championships.

Mattias Weinhandl scored 3:15 into overtime yesterday to give Sweden a 3-2 victory over the Czech Republic and a berth in the semifinals, where it will face Canada tomorrow.

It is the eighth consecutive year Sweden will play in the semifinals, where it lost 4-1 to Canada last year in Moscow.

But this may be the sweetest of all, as the Swedes did it without most of their top NHL stars, such as Mats Sundin, Peter Forsberg, and a handful of the Detroit Red Wings now battling for the Stanley Cup like Nik Lidstrom, Henrik Zetterberg and Tomas Holmstrom.

"It's good to show everyone they were wrong," said Sundin's Toronto Maple Leafs teammate Anton Stralman. "We have a good group of players who play back in Sweden, so it's good to feel that confidence in the group and to show everyone what we can do out there."

Russia 6 Switzerland 0 — Switzerland put two pucks into its own net in the opening seven minutes to help Russia to a 6-0 victory

Finland 3 USA 2 (OT) — Sami Lepisto scored 3:59 in overtime to give Finland a 3-2 win over the United States. The U.S. scored two goals in the last five minutes of the third to send it to overtime.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada thumps Norway

Power play helps team overcome pesky squad

CANADA 8 NORWAY 2

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

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Team Canada's Jonathan Toews, right, looks for a rebound yesterday in front of Team Norway goalie Pal Grotnes during the second period of quarter-final action at the IIHF World Championships at the Metro Centre in Halifax. Canada beat Norway 8-2.

For 29 minutes 57 seconds, Norway bent but didn't break. Then Canada snapped the pesky squad in two.

Canada turned a 2-2 nail-biter into an 8-2 blowout with a dominating final 30 minutes in the quarter-finals at the world hockey championship yesterday at the Metro Centre as the tournament bid farewell to Halifax.

The win earned Canada a semifinal date with Sweden tomorrow in Quebec City, but it didn't come without tense moments.

"When it was 2-2, I was wondering if that ferry parked outside had a direct route to Columbus," joked head coach Ken Hitchcock, who lives in Ohio as coach of the NHL's Blue Jackets.

Norway, which nearly shocked Canada when it fought to a 2-1 loss in the round robin, was in another close game until it got into penalty trouble midway through the second period.

Jonathan Toews capitalized at 9:57 to spark the six-goal onslaught. Derek Roy followed that up with two goals in a span of 2:42 on bullet shots from the faceoff circle, making it 5-2 after 40 minutes, and completed his hat trick in the third.

"We expected a tough game — it was just a matter of us controlling the game after that and pushing them out of the game," said Canadian forward Rick Nash, who scored two goals of his own. "We had something to prove."

As goal after goal found its way past Pal Grotnes and Norway's seemingly impenetrable trap, you had to wonder how Canada had only scored four goals in the previous 90 minutes.

"They were doing things to frustrate us," Toews said. "But when you work through that, you're going to cash in, and you saw that in the final score at the end of the game."

Norway took three straight penalties in the second period that resulted in goals by Toews and Roy. Norwegian head coach Roy Johansen said his team was "punished by the referees."

"We lost the game in that moment," he said. "He gave us easy penalties and made this game impossible for us."

Hitchcock said Norway got what it deserved.

"Quite frankly, those referees caught them on the shots they got away with in the 2-1 game," he said. "We deserved to go on the power play and that's why we won."

Norway made hockey history with its first appearance in the world quarter-finals, and veteran captain Tommy Jakobsen said his team could "leave with our heads up high."

The sellout crowd of 9,192 rose to its feet and roared in the final minute, a fitting sendoff to a dominating team that won seven straight games and outscored opponents 43-12.

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Raptors pick up Moon's option

The Toronto Raptors picked up the option on rookie forward Jamario Moon's contract for next season yesterday.

Moon, named to the NBA's all-rookie second team on Tuesday, averaged 8.5 points, 6.2 rebounds and a team-best 1.38 blocks in 78 games this season.

Moon

His 75 starts as a rookie set a club record.

"We are very proud of Jamario for what he has accomplished and for the way he handled himself this year," Raptors general manager Bryan Colangelo said in a release. "Jamario's path to the NBA and the Toronto Raptors is a great example of perseverance."

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World No. 1 Henin retires

Belgian leaves tennis at 25 with 7 Grand Slams

The determination that helped Justine Henin beat bigger, stronger opponents time and again was fading.

"I decided," the 25-year-old Belgian said, "to stop fooling myself and accept it."

Henin retired from tennis yesterday, an abrupt ending to a career in which she won seven Grand Slam singles titles and spent more than 100 weeks ranked No. 1.

She announced her decision at a news conference 1 ½ weeks before the start of the French Open, where she has won the past three titles and four overall.

Put simply, she realized she was burned out, and became the first woman to quit the sport while atop the WTA rankings.

"I always based everything on this motivation — this flame — that was in me. And once I lost that, I lost many, many things," Henin said.

Surprising as her departure was to the rest of the world, it seemed somehow inevitable to her.

After reaching the final at each Grand Slam tournament in 2006, she won 10 tournaments in 2007, including two majors.

But this season, she started to find it an ever bigger chore to pack her luggage to travel to tournaments. Her legs felt heavy when she should have been dancing in the backcourt, ready to turn another one of those sparkling backhands into a winner.

When she was hurt, she no longer minded if an injury lingered. Ever since being discovered as a child prodigy, tennis was everything to Henin. Now, though, tennis was making it clear that her time was up.

"Everything became harder," Henin said. "I felt, deep inside, something was getting out of my grasp."

She lost 6-4, 6-0 to Maria Sharapova in the Australian Open, then 6-2, 6-0 to Serena Williams at the Sony Ericsson Open in April — the worst loss for a top-ranked player in nine years. At last week's German Open, Henin lost 5-7, 6-3, 6-1 to Dinara Safina. Then she pulled out of this week's Italian Open, citing fatigue.

"At the end of the match in Berlin, (retirement) all of a sudden was there as something evident," Henin said.

Henin, however, won't have any sort of farewell tour. She is retiring immediately.

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Belgium's Justine Henin gestures toward journalists after a media conference yesterday. Henin announced she was retiring from professional tennis.

NBA

Celtics' Ainge named top exec

AWARD Danny Ainge, the general manager who engineered the trades for Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen that helped the Boston Celtics post the biggest turnaround in league history, was given the Sporting News NBA Executive of the Year award before last night's playoff game.

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Nonis not a sure thing

Ex-Canucks GM may seek other job opportunities

After two days of meetings with the Maple Leafs' general manager search team, Dave Nonis has a much better idea of what the team's GM post entails.

And it appears there now is a question of whether he even wants the job or if he will explore other options, of which there are several.

Nonis left town yesterday and is expected back for further talks with the interview team headed by MLSE president Richard Peddie and Toronto sports lawyer Gord Kirke. Little else is known under the cone of silence imposed by the Leafs, but sources feel Nonis will explore all his options — and possibly even wait a year before deciding — because Toronto's offer is a complicated one.

The Leafs' offer is believed to be an assistant's post, which would allow Nonis to focus on his specialty — contracts, salary caps and legal issues. He would also help and advise interim GM Cliff Fletcher in hockey matters.

Nonis is expected back in Toronto later this week or after the holiday weekend, but it appears he will be exploring other GM options in St. Louis and Atlanta in the interim.

Fletcher looks more and more like the person the Leafs want to run the club as GM.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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» **MLB** Tampa Bay left-hander Scott Kazmir has agreed to a $28.5-million US, three-year extension through 2011, a deal with a club option that could raise the contract's value to $39.5 million over four seasons.

» **NHL** Chuck Kobasew has a new three-year contract, a nearly healed leg and an optimistic outlook for the Boston Bruins next season. Kobasew, 26, had career highs of 22 goals, 17 assists and 39 points in 73 regular-season games.

Mellanby

» **NHL** Scott Mellanby, who played more than 1,400 games with five NHL teams, has been hired by the Vancouver Canucks to serve as a consultant to general manager Mike Gillis and the hockey operations department. Mellanby will assist Gillis in consulting in all areas of the hockey operations department.

» **MLB** The Chicago Cubs were on the verge yesterday of signing free agent outfielder Jim Edmonds, who was released last week by the San Diego Padres.

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Zenit St. Petersburg's Konstantin Zyrianov, centre, reacts after scoring his team's second goal against Rangers yesterday during the UEFA Cup final soccer match at the City of Manchester stadium in Manchester, England. Zenit beat the Scottish side 2-0.

Marlies set to do battle with Chicago

AHL Western final features two tried, tested foes

On the surface, it would appear that AHL Western Conference final foes Toronto and Chicago are closer to exhaustion rather than being in the peak form necessary for a post-season war that will take the winner to the Calder Cup championship series.

The Marlies beat the Syracuse Crunch Monday to finish off their second seven-game series in a row, giving them an AHL-leading 14 playoff games in the bank. The Wolves are one game shy of that, with 13 games, and a just-finished seven-game series against Rockford.

But the Marlies say they're feeling just fine as they get ready to face Chicago in Game 1 tomorrow night.

Clemmensen

"We've played more games than the other teams and we've faced our share of adversity, being down 3-1 to Syracuse and coming back," Marlies goalie Scott Clemmensen said.

"But that's been how we've been successful. We have a good feeling in our dressing room, we're confident now, but not over-confident, and we just want to keep it going."

Toronto returned to practice yesterday, and there was an obvious levity on the ice and in the dressing room. The Leafs' farm team refused to wilt when down 3-1 against Syracuse in the North Division final.

The Marlies will most certainly need every facet of their game in top order against a Chicago team, led by coach and former Leaf John Anderson, that some are picking to win the Calder Cup.

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NHL

CONFERENCE FINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
PHILADELPHIA VS. PITTSBURGH
Game 4 — Tonight
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30
*Game 5 — Sunday
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 3
*Game 6 — Tuesday
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30
*Game 7 — Thursday
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30
(Pittsburgh leads series 3-0)
WESTERN CONFERENCE
DALLAS VS. DETROIT
Game 4 — Last night
Detroit at Dallas
*Game 5 — Saturday
Dallas at Detroit, 1:30
*Game 6 — Monday
Detroit at Dallas, 8
*Game 7 — Wednesday
Dallas at Detroit, 7:30
(Detroit leads series 3-0)
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NBA

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
BOSTON VS. CLEVELAND
Game 5 — Last night
Cleveland at Boston
Game 6 — Tomorrow
Boston at Cleveland, 8
*Game 7 — Sunday,
Cleveland at Boston, TBA
(Series tied 2-2)
DETROIT VS. ORLANDO
(Detroit wins series 4-1)
WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. LAKERS VS. UTAH
Game 5 — Last night
Utah at L.A. Lakers
Game 6 — Tomorrow
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 10:30
*Game 7 — Monday, May 19
Utah at L.A. Lakers, TBA
(Series tied 2-2)
NEW ORLEANS VS. SAN ANTONIO
Game 5 — Tuesday night
New Orleans 101 San Antonio 79
Game 6 — Tonight
New Orleans at San Antonio, 9
*Game 7 — Monday, May 19
San Antonio at New Orleans, TBA
(New Orleans leads series 3-2)
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MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
TORONTO at Minnesota
Seattle 4 Texas 3 (12)
Baltimore 6 Boston 3
Cleveland 2 Oakland 0
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay
Detroit at Kansas City
Chicago Sox at L.A. Angels
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta at Philadelphia
Washington at N.Y. Mets
Florida at Cincinnati
San Diego at Chicago Cubs
L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee
Pittsburgh at St. Louis
Colorado at Arizona
Houston at San Francisco
TODAY'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Oakland at Cleveland, 12:05
TORONTO at Minnesota, 1:10
Detroit at Kansas City, 2:10
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 4:10
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, 10:05
NATIONAL LEAGUE
L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee, 1:05
Washington at N.Y. Mets, 1:10
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 1:15
San Diego at Chicago Cubs, 2:20
Houston at San Francisco, 3:45
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:05
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YESTERDAY'S GAMES
AT QUEBEC CITY
Russia 6 Switzerland 0
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SEMIFINALS
TOMORROW
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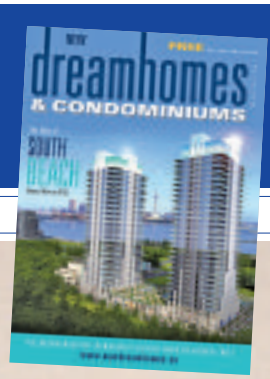

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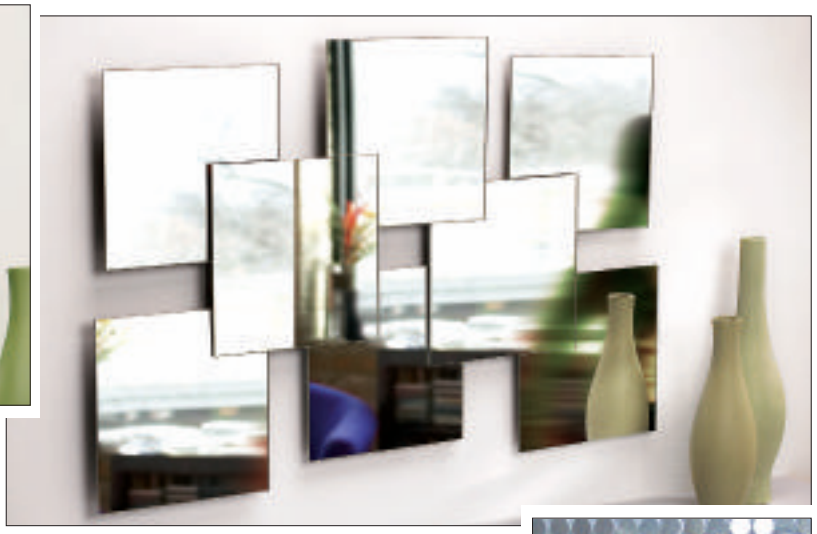
Creating sunshine-friendly spaces

Strategic use of mirrored surfaces can bring in light



When placed strategically, mirrored elements can reflect outdoor light and brighten up your space. Above, Mix four-piece mirror set, $37; and right, Mingle Mirror, $126, both by Umbra; visit *www.umbra.com*.

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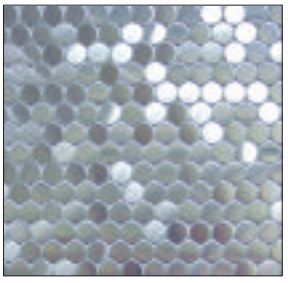

ANN SACKS

Alloy finish tiles by Ann Sacks reflect light in unexpected places, such as backsplashes. Left, brushed stainless steel tiles in a net configuration; and above, in pennyrounds; visit *www.annsacks.com*.

The glorious spring sunshine is sparkling prettily outdoors, but don't despair if you are stuck inside. The design team knows a fabulous way to bring the bright cheerful presence of sunshine into your home.

We just love to use mirrors to add light and sparkle. But think beyond the usual — mirrors can be used effectively and to lovely effect in many imaginative and unexpected ways.

For example, do you have a dark basement or other space with few windows? You can add "virtual" windows by positioning mirrors opposite your existing windows. And you can increase the amount of light directed into a room by finishing the windowsill and perhaps the side of interior window frames in mirror.

To visually expand space, think about mounting two full-length mirrors on either side of a fireplace — it actually makes the room look as if it continues beyond the fireplace.

Or use a row of long, tall mirrors spaced across a wall for contemporary flair. An oversized mirror in a frame, tilted against a wall in a bedroom or sitting area can add drama and elegance.

A small kitchen can benefit from a mirrored backsplash. You can add interest in a small bathroom by layering two mirrored layers—a framed mirror over a mirrored wall, for example. In a child's room, you may use a collection of mirrors cut into pieces that reflect a theme, such as a collection of block shapes or stars and moons.

And mirrored furniture, besides being beautiful on its own, can also bring in light and expand space in any room of the house.

But there is one very important thing to remember about a mirror — it will reflect whatever is in front of it.

So don't commit a design crime by placing a mirror in a place where it reflects a messy closet, a bathroom door, or something equally uninspiring. If you have a beautiful garden outdoors, or a woodsy backyard, cut flowers, or a work of art, reflect that lovely picture instead.

And if you put a mirror on a window sill or frame, make sure it reflects sky, or flowers or plants, for example. Do not use it to reflect a sidewalk, a utility pole, or the back side of an air conditioner. Be prepared to tilt the mirrored finish to reflect an attractive view.

Finally, avoid the dust and grime design crime. The wonderful reflective properties of mirror means that it will also reflect dirt — remember to dust or polish regularly.

To take full advantage of all the benefits of mirrors in your home, also consider the effect of putting mirror into the back of a china cabinet or using a mirrored display shelf to reflect your lovely things. Use a mirrored "place mat" to reflect a beautiful centerpiece on a table, or a gleaming china and crystal place setting. If you have a table with a damaged top, consider adding a mirrored surface. It addition to hiding the damaged tabletop, it will reflect warm lamplight or flickering candlelight. Very romantic!

Aside from the reflective benefits of mirror, it is also very practical — we've seen mirror placed on the back or above a deep pantry shelf — a godsend for those who are sick of digging through their canned goods in search of an elusive ingredient.

And as for gazing at yourself (another practical use for the mirror) consider bronze mirrors — they make people look healthier, younger, and ready to head out with confidence and optimism into that spring sunshine.

Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are hosts of Arresting Design on W Network. Tammy is an interior decorator. Jeffrey designs home furnishings and bedding through his company Jeffrey Fisher Home.

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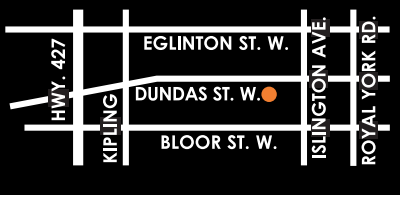

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Training clutter

Designers provide advice for organizing children's rooms

Even in the neatest of homes, children's bedrooms are magnets for clutter. These rooms also tend to be the smallest in the house, so managing clutter can be tough. Toys and clothing must be organized and out of the way, but still visible and accessible. "Kids grow out of things every 10 minutes," says interior designer Christina Murphy.

IKEA's Hemnes storage bench.

"So the more stuff can be out in open, the better."

Here are five ideas for taming kids' clutter from Murphy and two other designers, Fawn Galli and Katie Stassi, all named to domino magazine's "Ten Decorators on the Verge" list this year:

» THINK TRANSPARENT

Clear, stackable plastic bins in all sizes are great for toys and clothing, says Stassi. Kids can see inside so they won't need to dump out several bins to find a favourite toy.

If you prefer baskets or bins that aren't transparent, but still want to be clear on what's inside, Galli suggests labelling them with the name and picture of the contents (blocks, Barbies, etc.). Kids will "learn through image and spelling where to put things," she says.

» GO VERTICAL

"Hooks are great with kids," says Murphy, "because they can reach them to hang towels or their own coat, and you'll get them in the habit of picking stuff up off the floor." Wall shelves keep fragile items and keepsakes visible but safe, says Stassi. They're also good for storing tiny toys out of reach of younger siblings (small, clear bins come in handy here).

» FIND FURNITURE THAT DOES DOUBLE DUTY

"A trunk at the foot of the bed is a great one," Murphy says, because it offers storage and seating. "You can get a plain white trunk at Ikea and then decorate it.

Depending on the kids' ages, they can get involved, just putting stickers on it or maybe using stencils if they're older." Kids can reach the trunk or bench, so they can easily take objects out or help put them away.

» THINK OUTSIDE THE DRAWER

Go tropical with a hammock, says Murphy. "There are varying degrees of hammocks, cheap ones without the big bar across, just big enough to be holding toys and maybe one kid. It can vary based on the space you have."

Vessla storage crates on casters. Clear, stackable plastic bins in all sizes are great for toys and clothing.

At the end of each day, stray toys on the floor can be gathered up and tossed on the hammock. For a smaller, modified version: Drape a large length of colourful fabric diagonally between two walls at one corner of the room, knotting the ends and securing them on hooks.

Use it to pile up plush toys or other bulky-but-light things. Hung a metre or so above the floor, it serves as a canopy for the play space underneath.

» ELIMINATE THE EXTRAS

All three designers mentioned the importance of removing clothes and toys as kids outgrow them. Every six to eight weeks, search the room for items to donate or store in a garage or basement for younger siblings to use later.

Talk to your kids about the importance of donating rarely used things to a local children's hospital or shelter, says Stassi, and get them involved in the process.

Of course, clutter can reach critical mass when kids don't want to part with anything.

"It can get so out of control," says Murphy. "Parents have to sometimes sneak stuff out if you can ... If they don't see it leave, they may never miss it."

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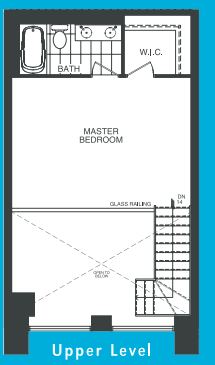

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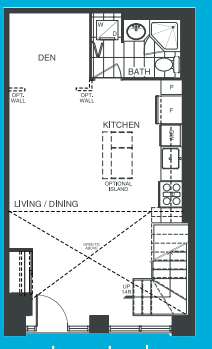

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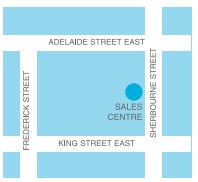

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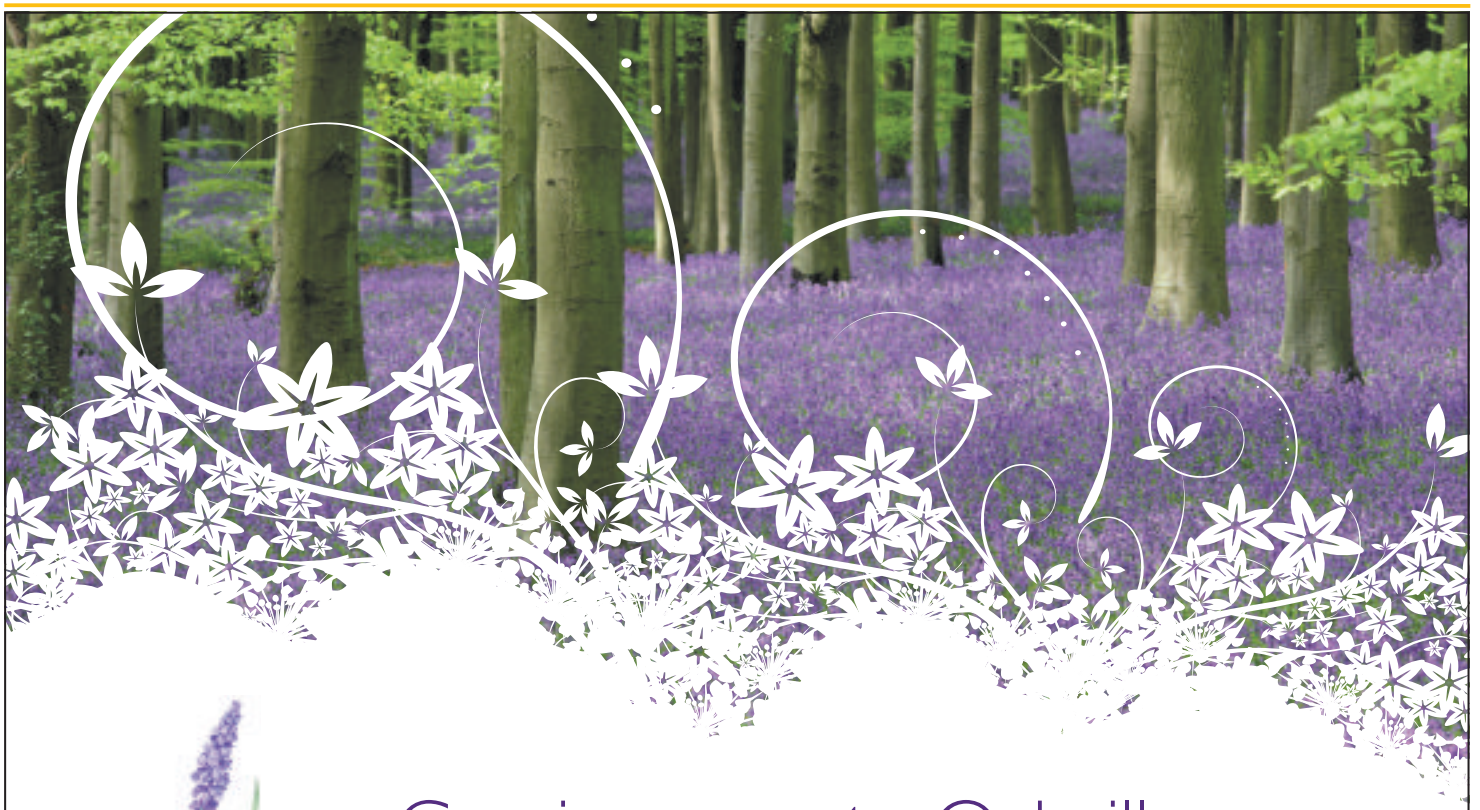

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Wood is good

Faux bois gives the look of wood without the splinters

Faux bois is something of a lost art. It's also everywhere. French for "false wood," faux bois encompasses anything that reproduces the appearance or texture of wood. Though only a handful of artists still produce the intricate, cement-covered steel pieces prized by serious collectors, the technique also is being applied to every home decor product imaginable: Pillows. Plates. Candles. Coasters. Scones. Sheets.

You name it, someone has slapped a woodgrain pattern on it. More often than not, that someone is Martha Stewart.

"We've put faux bois patterns on cookies, cakes and cupcakes. We do it on towels, bath accessories and rugs," says Kevin Sharkey, home decorating editorial director at Martha Stewart Living.

"It appears in the magazine in some incarnation in almost every issue. Christmas ornaments. Easter baskets. Valentines. There is no place we think is inappropriate for faux bois."

Donald Tucker, a sculptor and artist in Houston, says the appeal of faux bois lies in the inherent beauty of wood's texture.

His commissioned pieces — faux bois benches, tables and garden sculptures — can take months to complete.

"I always loved trees and tree forms and wood," he says.

"I was drawn into the whole woodiness of it — the idea that you can sculpt some concrete into forms that replicate wood and that won't decay and won't get attacked by termites."

Above: The New Growth chandelier by CP Lighting. Below: CP's SplitLog Sconce Wood Grain. Faux bois encompasses anything that reproduces the appearance or texture of wood.

With the growing environmental movement, Tucker sees a connection between the popularity of faux bois and the rejection of pollution and mass production. That doesn't mean faux bois items aren't being mass produced, however. CB2, Crate and Barrel's more modern offshoot, sells tote bags made of woodgrain-printed fabric, plastic placemats with a woodgrain design, and white resin soap dishes and ring holders resembling twigs.

Pottery Barn offers a chandelier made of intertwining iron branches with crystal leaves. Macy's sells Martha Stewart's line of faux bois towels, bedding, kitchen and bath accessories.

Grace Bonney, founder and editor of DesignSponge, a website dedicated to home and product design, started noticing faux bois on pillows and other accessories in 2004, as tastes turned from bold colours to patterns.

More recently, she's seen faux bois paired with orange and other 1970s colors in a kitschy way.

"I think the pattern movement was very much joined by a trend or interest in natural materials, which manifested itself in imagery of botanicals, trees themselves, or woodgrain," she says.

Jonathan Lo, who co-founded itsknotwood.blogspot.com, a blog dedicated to all things faux bois, admits faux bois is one of those "love-it-or-hate-it" designs.

But he appreciates it as another way to bring nature into his life.

"Artists have always been inspired by nature, whether it be the pattern, or more literally. There's a certain inherent warmth and visual comfort when you see something that is faux bois, even if it's made of plastic or metal or even con-

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crete. The same can be said of something with a woodgrain pattern," he says.

Lo, an art director from Irvine, Calif., says faux bois also was big in the 1940s and '70s, but even in the in-between decades remained prevalent.

"Will trees ever go out of style?" he says.

For those looking to incorporate faux bois in their home decor, Lo recommends moderation.

"Think of it as an accent or way to add some texture," he says. "Try a faux bois candle holder on your dinner table or a dresser. Maybe try a bag or wallet with a woodgrain pattern. Try mixing it into your decor, a lamp that has a faux bois base, add a woodgrain throw pillow, or a mirror with a faux bois frame."

For crafty types, there are woodgraining painting tools that, when rolled across a surface, create streaks that resemble wood, complete with knots.

Stewart's website features dozens of DIY projects based on that painting technique, ranging from pet placemats and serving trays to wrapping paper and entire floors. Or get creative with a digital camera: Snap some close-ups of tree bark, print them on translucent vellum and wrap them around glass canisters to create candle holders.

An even easier approach is applying woodgrain contact paper to dress up flat surfaces, says Lo. "One of our favourite things is to use it in places you wouldn't expect, like hi-tech items. Many people are contact papering their laptops or cellphones with woodgrain."

Bonney also recommends paper — giftwrap, wallpaper or stationery — as a starting point. "If you like a pattern but are scared of using it, you can always line your desk drawers with it or the inside of cabinets," she says.

And for those so enamoured with faux bois that they want to learn from a master, Tucker is offering what he believes is the first ever classes in ferrocement faux bois, the traditional method he uses to create his sculptures.

The workshops will be held in August in Colorado and are sponsored by the Ferrocement Educational Network.

"Anyone interested in learning a very esoteric craft is welcome to join me," he says.

"I'm anxious for another generation of artists to continue this craft."

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Top: The Oly Faux Bois Mirror. Above: For a quick DIY project, snap some close-ups of tree bark, print them on translucent vellum and wrap them around glass canisters to create candle holders as seen here.

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Wednesday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m., three experts will talk about the ins and outs of buying a condominium in Toronto. At this free seminar, Eve Lewis of MarketVision Real Estate Corporation, lawyer, Mark Freedman of Harris Sheaffer, and Jared Ksenica of the Bank of Montreal will explain why now is a good time to think about buying a condominium and how to manage the process.

Ksenica will outline the various financing options available to purchasers, what the term "capped rate" means and how to fund a down payment. What one should look for when buying a condo and what condo docs are all about will be explained by Freedman, who has practised real estate law for more than 20 years.

The seminar will take place at Gramercy Park Presentation Centre, 525 Wilson Ave.

To register, call 416-703-2202.

Homegrown revolution?

Tougher times mean an upswing in vegetable gardens

North Americans finding soaring food prices hard to stomach are battling back by growing their own food. Home vegetable gardens appear to be booming as a result of the twin movements to eat local and pinch pennies. Vegetable seed sales are up significantly from year-ago figures, said Barb Melera, president of D. Landreth Seed Company in New Freedom, Pa.

TONY BOCK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fairmont Royal York Hotel executive chef David Garcelon visits the hotel's rooftop herb and vegetable garden.

"This is the first time I've ever heard people say, 'I can grow this more cheaply than I can buy it in the supermarket.' That's a 180-degree turn from the norm."

Roger Doiron, a gardener and fresh food advocate from Scarborough, Maine, said he turned $85 US worth of seeds into more than six months of vegetables for his family of five. As founding director of Kitchen Gardeners International, a non-profit group promoting home gardening and healthier food, Doiron pays close attention to pocketbook issues. Food prices and oil prices are up sharply compared to a year ago, making it more challenging to put a meal on the table, Doiron said.

"I see home gardens as a way of broadening and democratizing the local foods revolution, which, until now, has been more of an upper-class phenomenon," he said.

The worst of the price hikes may be yet to come. The UN Food and Agriculture Organization said retail prices would continue to climb as more agricultural crops, primarily corn, are processed into biofuels. Greater demand from India and China also are contributing to what likely will be long-term food cost increases, the agency said.

RON BULL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Denis Allman grows corn on the rooftop patio of his condo in the Queen/Coxwell area.

Those conditions are ripe for an increase in gardening, said Rose Hayden-Smith, a garden educator and historian with the University of California-Davis.

She compares the current period of market uncertainty with that of the early- to mid-20th century, when the concept of "victory gardens" became popular in the U.S, Canada and Europe. "A lot of companies during the world wars and the Great Depression era encouraged vegetable gardening as a way of addressing layoffs, reduced wages and such," she said in a telephone interview.

During the Second World War, gardens were pitched as an important part of the war effort — by war's end, the victory gardens were turning out 40 per cent of the U.S.'s produce, freeing up big farms to supply the troops.

"Home gardens made the difference between people being well fed and going to bed hungry," Doiron says, adding the gardens increased consumption of fruits and vegetables to historic highs.

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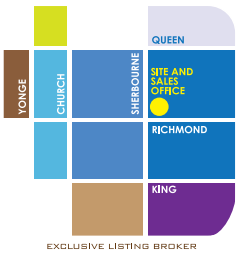

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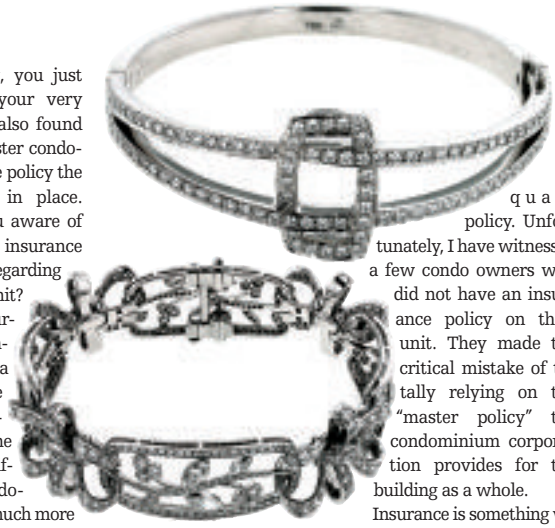
Personal items such as this entertainment system, made up of Axiom's Audio Epic 80 with an EP600 subwoofer, Energy's Take Series, Axiom system with bookshelf speakers and VP100 centre, as well as these Birks bracelets, are a few of the items that are not covered by a master condominium insurance policy.

Condo's insurance will not cover everything

By **MARILYN LINCOLN**
New Homes



How exciting, you just purchased your very first condo! You also found out there is a master condominium insurance policy the corporation has in place. However, are you aware of what additional insurance you will require regarding your individual unit?

Owners who purchase a single-family home have a very clear image of their specific insurance needs. The situation is very different in a condominium, and it's much more complicated to determine the exact coverage required. Especially since the property is shared by others in the same building or on the same land.

In Ontario, all condominium corporations are responsible for maintaining insurance for damage to the units as well as the common elements. This insurance must cover major perils and other perils as specified in the bylaws or declarations. "Major perils" are stated as windstorms, hail, lightning, fire, explosion, smoke, water escape, civil commotion, riots, impact from vehicles or an aircraft, vandalism or malicious acts.

It is interesting to note that the condominium corporation is not obligated to insure any improvements to a unit that have been completed by an owner. Therefore, it is very important that a prospective buyer or current owner request from the board of directors the definition of an improvement. Each corporation will have its own definition. An example of an improvement completed by an owner could be upgraded carpets, kitchen cabinets, flooring, ceilings, finished basement, lighting, etc.

Personal contents such as televisions, computers, furniture, jewelry or clothing, to name a few, also need to be insured.

What about liability insurance? This coverage will protect you in case someone is injured in or on your premises. No one knows when disaster could strike. It is very important to consult with an insurance agent to confirm you have an adequate policy. Unfortunately, I have witnessed a few condo owners who did not have an insurance policy on their unit. They made the critical mistake of totally relying on the "master policy" the condominium corporation provides for the building as a whole.

Insurance is something we don't like to think about. However, bad things do happen and it is necessary to provide a safety net. You pay good money for insurance and, unfortunately, you only win by losing in the event you have to make a claim. The total cost of the insurance policy will be based on the amount of coverage required. Obtaining coverage should be a top priority when you purchase a new condo.

Remember, when an accident occurs, costs can escalate very quickly. Insurance policies are well worth it in order to maintain peace of mind regarding your valuable investment.

Marilyn Lincoln is a condominium owner, director and author of The Condominium Self Management Guide 2nd ed. Send questions to marilyncondoguide@hotmail.com. To order a copy of her guide, send $34.95 plus $4.98 shipping and handling to; The Condo Guide, 4A-385 Fairway Rd. S. Suite 128, Kitchener, Ontario, N2C 2N9.

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Homeowners will benefit from no shared elements or condominium board, with everyone responsible for their own pieces of land. That's something you won't find in most townhome communities in the GTA. Homes range in size from 1,717 to 1,953 square feet and are modestly priced from $269,000 to the low-$300,000s.

Basic designs start with three bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms (two bedrooms and powder room) with the ability to be converted into four- or five-bedroom layouts.

Purchasers also have the option to upgrade to three full bathrooms in order to complement the additional bedrooms.

The exterior of the homes sport flashy clay-brick designs, accented with varying combinations of cladding, vinyl shakes, stone sills and verandas.

Talk about style!

Area amenities are all just footsteps away, with an ample selection of schools all in close proximity.

A trail behind the community leads to a bunch of public schools that range from junior kindergarten to Grade 8.

A bit east on Lawrence, you would be minutes away from a French immersion school that offers classes from junior kindergarten to Grade 6.

Just across the street from the sales office, you will find a day care, while the University of Toronto and Centennial College are both just north of the community.

Homestead Park is surrounded by golf courses, parks, shopping malls, big-box stores, grocery stores, a movie theatre, Centenary Hospital and more.

Looking to beef up your home with some new furniture? No problem. The Morningside Mall is currently being redeveloped to further expand your shopping muscle.

If that's not enough, Highway 401 is just five minutes away, while downtown Toronto is a quick drive via Kingston Road — a great alternative to the Don Valley Parkway. Those who choose to take public transit will be pleased to learn a TTC bus stop is right across the street.

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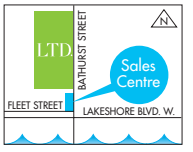

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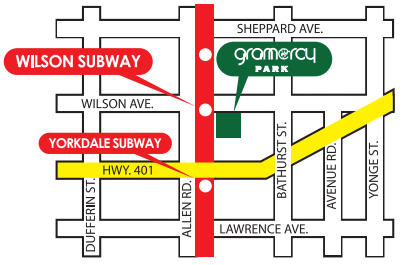

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

Hundreds of visitors at Port Dover Village

Recently, the Democrat Homes team was joined by Global TV personality Susan Hay to cut the blue ribbon and open the doors to the state-of-the-art Sales Centre at Port Dover Village.

"We welcome the team from Democrat Homes to our community," said mayor Dennis Travale. "With the opening of Port Dover Village, you have raised the standard for all residential building in Norfolk County."

More than 200 people attended the Preview Opening Weekend at Port Dover Village, and were feted with a selection of gourmet foods and refreshments.

"We were thrilled with the response from our guests and purchasers," said Graz Palumbo of Democrat Homes.

"Our goal was to achieve a new level of quality in terms of size and finishings, and judging from the comments and reactions, we have hit the mark.

"People have not seen this calibre of design and construction in Port Dover … until now. "While there was much excitement and fanfare, the real stars of this event were the home designs — and they did not disappoint.

"We've been working on this community design for over a year," said partner Gino D'Onofrio.

"It's very gratifying to see so many people excited and enthusiastic about our vision.

"Our visitors called the home designs everything from 'beautiful,' and 'classic,' to 'elegant,' 'different' and 'dream homes.'"

Bungalow, bungalow lofts and two-storey models marry romantic and gothic revival styles with a host of modern features.

Some of the standards include nine-foot ceilings, covered front porches, attached garages, Queen Anne belfries, Victorian gingerbread details, decorative columns and rear decks.

"We wanted each home to make a statement," said Democrat Homes principal Enzo Palumbo.

"The designs reflect the Victorian heritage of Port Dover, and our lots border the majestic Lynn River Valley. Port Dover Village offers an exclusive, singular lifestyle."

Port Dover Village is the ideal adult community, situated within a three-minute drive of the town centre and Port Dover Beach. The town is a haven of casual and fine dining, quaint shopping and an unspoiled small-town lifestyle. Other amenities include the Lighthouse Theatre, David's Spa and Restaurant, the Norfolk Harbour Museum and the Port Dover Marina.

Big box stores, a renowned hospital, churches, sports arenas and big-name franchised restaurants are just a 10-minute drive away.

"We want people from the GTA, Southwestern Ontario and Port Dover to discover the new, luxurious lifestyle that is Port Dover Village," continued Palumbo.

"This is a very special community and so far, the response from our purchasers has been outstanding."

Port Dover Village is a master-planned community with beautiful all-brick or stucco and brick homes set on spacious 50-foot lots.

The models start from the $284,999 for approximately 1,600 square feet on one level. You can choose from several bungalow and loft elevations or move up to two-storey homes of up to 3,500 square feet.

This is the newest community from Democrat Homes, one of the GTA's most trusted builders with communities in Toronto, Brampton, Richmond Hill and Wasaga Beach.

To visit the Sales Centre, take Highway 403 west to Hamilton, then follow Highway 6 south to Port Dover.

for more information

» The beautifully decorated Port Dover Village sales centre sits at 597 Highway 6 (Main Street) and is open weekdays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. (closed Wednesdays) as well as weekends and holidays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit *portdovervillage.com* for more details.

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KEITH BEATY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Imported beer scarcely existed as a sales category in the age of the stubby, but Preben Ganzhorn, Carlsberg's director of marketing in Canada, points out it has exploded in the last decade.

Taming of the imported brew

Carlsberg reacts to popularity of foreign beers

By **RICK McGINNIS**
Metro Toronto

Carlsberg arrived in Canada more than 35 years ago with a peal of carillon bells and the thunder of heavy horses, one of the first foreign beers to establish a presence in the country in competition with the brands produced by Labatt, Molson and Carling O'Keefe, the trio of breweries that dominated the country in the age of the stubby.

The beer landscape has changed immeasurably since then, and during its long sojourn in Canada, the Danish beer has been produced domestically by Carling, Labatt, McAuslan and Moosehead.

That changed this week, with the end of domestic production of Carlsberg here in January, and the relaunch of the brand in its regular and light incarnations in a slim green bottle as a premium import.

> « *Our research has shown us that the imported beer category has grown significantly for the past five years. The Canadian beer drinker wants beer that is brewed at its place of origin.* »
>
> *Preben Ganzhorn, Carlsberg's director of marketing*

For Preben Ganzhorn, Carlsberg's director of marketing here, it was less a matter of quality than perception, a vital factor in fighting the beer wars today.

"One of the challenges for a brand like Carlsberg," says Ganzhorn, "was that being produced in Canada we had to use the domestic brown standard bottle, so there was consumer confusion as to which category Carlsberg belonged in."

Generally, consumers knew Carlsberg was produced in Canada, but they also knew it is was a big international beer.

"There was a sentiment that it was like a pseudo import brand at domestic price, and not a real premium beer."

Imported beer scarcely existed as a sales category in the age of the stubby, but Ganzhorn points out it has exploded in the last decade, which motivated Carlsberg's decision to continue to compete in Canada, but as a premium import, confident that beer connoisseurs will applaud the change.

"Our research has shown us that the imported beer category has grown significantly for the past five years. The Canadian beer drinker wants beer that is brewed at its place of origin. They want the real Carlsberg."

a little bit of history

» Carlsberg was founded in 1847 by J.C. Jacobsen.
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The tale of the growing cake

MacMaster learns never to fiddle with recipes

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Natalie MacMaster is a world famous fiddler and step dancer. She first picked up the fiddle at age nine and is the niece of famed Cape Breton fiddler Buddy MacMaster. Among her numerous awards, she is especially proud of being named a member of the Order of Canada in 2006. Her latest album Yours Truly was co-produced by Natalie and her husband, fellow fiddle virtuoso Donnell Leahy of the Canadian band Leahy. Natalie has a Bachelor of Education degree from the Nova Scotia Teacher's College. As part of a national tour, Natalie will perform at Casino Rama on May 23 and 24. She will then take the stage at Ottawa's National Arts Centre on June 5 and Edmonton's Hawrelak Park Amphitheatre on Aug. 8.

Q What is your fondest memory from your family kitchen?

A When I think of my parents' kitchen I immediately think of great food and music. I always enjoyed playing the fiddle while sitting in the rocking chair in the kitchen.

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Q What kitchen aromas bring back fond memories?

A The smell of my mom's homemade cinnamon rolls. I also love the smell of fresh baked bread and deep fried chicken.

Q Who is your favourite cook?

A I really enjoy fine dining at restaurants where I get to try foods prepared by a variety of chefs.

Natalie MacMaster always enjoyed playing the fiddle while sitting in the rocking chair in the kitchen.

Q What is your favourite food to cook?

A I love to prepare pasta. I experiment with different sauces from recipes in cookbooks.

Q How did the first meal you prepared turn out?

A I never truly discovered the joy of cooking until I got married. One of the most memorable meals was the first time I had my in-laws over for dinner. I decided to bake a cake and inadvertently put three cups of baking powder in the mixing bowl instead of three cups of flour. Needless to say, the results were interesting. I kept checking the oven and the cake just kept growing and growing. I took pictures of the finished product.

Q What kitchen gadget can't you live without?

A I love my cheese grater. Many of my dishes call for cheese and having a good cheese grater is really indispensable to me.

Q Is there a cultural dish that you prepare that ties into a holiday?

A I learned to make Shepherd's Pie just the way my mom does. Whenever the family gets together either my mom or I make it. It is a great recipe!

Marcy Cornblum is a freelance journalist. After 25 years of celebrity-filled adventures, she is using her experiences to enlighten others in understanding the media. Reach her at *mediasavvy@pathcom.com*.

Natalie's Pasta Sauce

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2 cups heavy cream
1 cup of brandy
½ cup of rehydrated sun dried tomatoes
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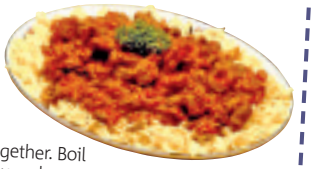

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New reasons for California dreamin'

'Fluff' wine can be credited as fun, fresh

The LCBO has a big Californian promotion this month, so let's take a look at what the golden state has to offer.

The Californian wine industry could be likened to its movie industry. Most of what's produced is fluff. Sweetish drinks designed to appeal to people who want their wine to taste like fruit juice.

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Gallo is the leader here but even respected names such as Beringer and Francis Ford Coppola dish out candy cute wines.

That said, California must be credited with changing the wine industry for the better. Its winemakers developed a way of making dry-style wines that were a lot more friendly than the traditional European offerings. They brought a lot of fun to wine. When Californian wine is good it has great drinkability, generous flavours, and a bright personality. They try hard to please while still feeling genuine.

I also like the general lighthearted feeling in their wines — they say chill out, life is good.

Their great drinkability means the wines work equally well for party times or for supper. And the recent drop in prices is a nice added bonus.

Dog House has the look of a cute brand, but it's not. This is a damn good wine with enough personality to keep you entertained down to the last drop. Medium bodied and versatile — think house red.

There's also a Dog House Pinot Gris that's refreshing and worth exploring. Dog House is a brand by the Kendall-Jackson Winery, which is a master at hitting the middle ground between nice and interesting.

Fetzer is a world leader in sustainable grape growing and all things "green," and its wines certainly carry a suggestion of coming from a happy home. The Sauvignon Blanc is a gentle edition of this grape that's fun to gulp on a hot day. Just follow the instruction on the back label — "wine to start the end of your day."

Billy Munnelly has been writing about wine for 25 years and is the author of Canada's largest selling wine book, Billy's Best Bottles. Sign up for his free monthly e-letter at www.billysbestbottles.com

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»Dog House '04 'Maxie's Merlot,' California
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»Fetzer '06 Sauvignon Blanc 'Valley Oaks,' California
»LCBO No.: 34033
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recommendations

»Three picks from last Saturday's LCBO VINTAGES: In white, look for Ganton & Larsen Prospect Winery '06 Pinot Blanc "birch canoe," Okanagan Valley, B.C (#70706, $17.95). Pinot Blanc is the "middle-child" wine — a great all-purpose white. This would be a wonderful, all-evening white.

»The world's best buy in rich Rosé is Ch. Val Joanis '06 Côtes du Luberon Rosé, France (#707281, $11.95). Wonderful herbaceous, Mediterranean flavours and a glamorous feeling.

And a great value Pinot is Paso Hondo '07 Pinot Noir "Alta Seleccion," Chile (#685925, $14.95). Pinot that feels both sexy and earthy. Seductive and grounded.

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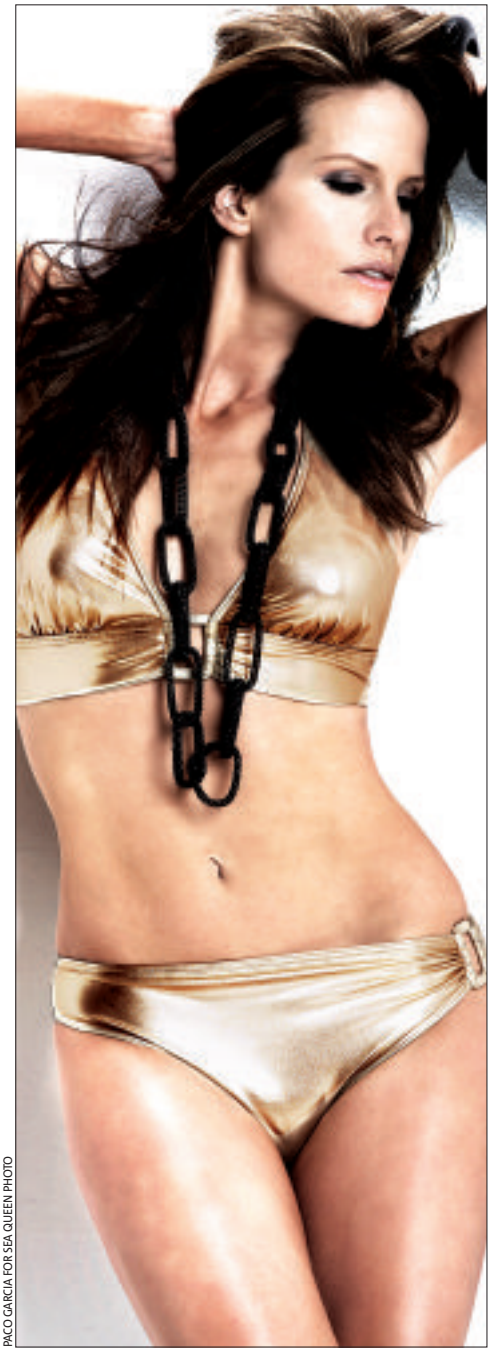


PACO GARCIA FOR SEA QUEEN PHOTO

Monika Schnarre models the Monte Carlo Molten Gold Halter Bikini, $120, from the Sea Queen swimwear line.

Dive into swimsuit shopping

Model Monika Schnarre talks to Metro about tips on finding that perfect fit

By **SANDY CAETANO**
Metro Toronto

With the hot summer months around the corner, it's time to start shopping for a killer, trendy wardrobe. And that means trying to get your hands on that perfect swimsuit.

Many women dread shopping for swimwear, and many leave the fitting room empty-handed, frustrated.

But it doesn't have to be that way, says Canadian actress and supermodel Monika Schnarre. When picking out the swimsuit that bests suits your personality and body type, the first to do is to find something that flatters your assets, she says.

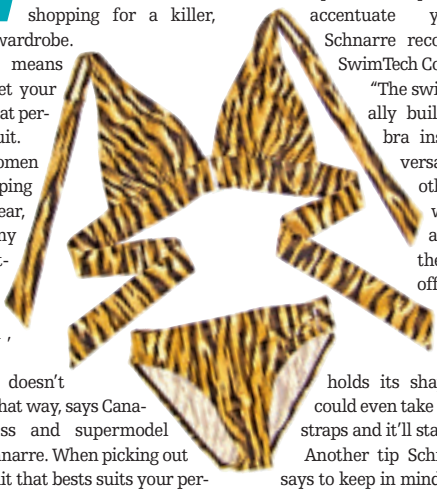
And don't be afraid to show off your goods — as long as you're comfortable with it, she adds.

"You know what, you want to accentuate your assets and then cover up your flaws," Schnarre tells Metro. "So if you're a little bigger in the hips, you'll probably want to wear a skirted bottom. If you have children or you're not comfortable with a bare stomach, you might want to go with a one-piece that has a tummy liner built in."

With the recent release of the Sea Queen Swimwear Collection 2008, a runway-inspired line, Schnarre says there's so much variety that there really is something for everyone. And if you're looking to accentuate your chest, Schnarre recommends the SwimTech ContourLift Bra.

"The swimsuit is actually built around the bra instead of vice versa, and like other suits, where as soon as they get wet they tend to fall off, this one doesn't," says Schnarre. "It actually holds its shape ... you could even take off the straps and it'll stay on."

Another tip Schnarre says to keep in mind is to try wearing a heel around the pool. This will help elongate the leg. The key is to know your flaws and minimize them. Things such as a tan from a bottle or a spray tan are also great for the summer.



ABOVE: Santorini Tiger Print Halter Bikini, $95.
RIGHT: Monte Carlo Molten Gold Maillot with SwimTech ContourLift Bra, $110.

Montecristo Maillot with Moulded Bra, $110, from Sea Queen. For retailers near you, visit *www.seaqueen.ca*.

"And accessorizing, with hats and jewelry is fun and adds to your look ... and you especially want to have a great manicure and pedicure," she says.

Some of this year's trends include adding belts to your swimsuit, and the empire waist is also popular since it creates the illusion of length and camouflages a bottom-heavy figure or thick waist.

Schnarre says many of the dresses we see on the runway have been translated to swimsuits, such as the empire waist, metallics and animal prints.

"We're also seeing one-pieces making a huge comeback, with a bit of a throwback to the '30s and '40s," she says. "Some of my favourites are the one-pieces; throw on a sarong and it looks like a beautiful summer dress."

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Actress Naomi Watts, left, has been unveiled as the new face of designer Thierry Mugler's Angel fragrance. IMDB.COM

new drama

Spelling in talks for 90210 role

CASTING Tori Spelling, who played Donna Martin on Beverly Hills, 90210, is in negotiations to reprise her role in the CW network's upcoming spinoff, which recently cast Jennie Garth as a counsellor at West Beverly High, *People.com* reports.

"Jennie is already on board for the series and we have been in touch about it," Spelling says. "I would love to see our characters Kelly and Donna together again and get the chance to work with my friend again." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Exposing the paparazzi

'You have to love the stars to be in this business'

By **ELISABETH BRAW**
Metro World News

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Britney Spears, left, Lindsay Lohan and Paris Hilton have provided more press material than anyone in Hollywood history, according to the woman behind tinseltown's most successful paparazzi agency.

Brandy Navarre is the most important Hollywood personality you've never heard of. That's because her life is behind the camera, not in front of it. Navarre runs Hollywood's most successful paparazzi agency.

Brandy and husband, Regis, entered the paparazzi world 10 years ago, when Regis realized photographing celebrities was more lucrative than his job as a correspondent for Agence France-Presse. Today, their agency, X17, employs nearly 70 photographers, far more than any other organization. "You have to love the stars in order to be in this business," says Brandy, a former Reuters TV reporter. "But what has made us so successful is that we almost befriend them."

The Navarres have used this tactic with close to every Hollywood celebrity; Brandy claims only Woody Harrelson dislikes them.

"If we see a blond woman in an expensive car we look more closely, and if she turns out to be a celebrity we introduce ourselves. I usually say something like, 'We will be following you a bit, but it's nothing to worry about,'" explains X17 photographer Daniel Ramos.

Ramos was one of the X17 photographers who staked out the hair salon where Britney Spears shaved her head. It was his car she hit with the umbrella afterwards.

On X17's website, X17online.com, 300,000 visitors view the latest celebrity shots every day. Brandy has seen the paparazzi business change fundamentally during the past few years. "Now people are following celebrities like the ultimate reality show. The truth is stranger and more entertaining than fiction."

With Spears, Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan — Hollywood's reigning bad-girl triumvirate — the truth is strange indeed. "Sometimes they're friends. Sometimes they hate each other. Sometimes they don't wear underwear. They get arrested for drunk driving. These three women have provided more material for the public than anything in the history of Hollywood," observes Brandy.

In this age of around-the-clock celebrity coverage, paparazzi have become a real authority. "Britney's downward spiral isn't important news, but people are interested", says Brandy. "War photos used to get people's attention. Now it's celebrities."

McCartney's carbon footprint criticized

Sometimes it seems Paul McCartney can't win for losing.

The former Beatle has long been an outspoken advocate of environmental causes and animal rights. He is a vegetarian who won't even wear leather shoes. But now he's being criticized for having a hybrid Japanese car flown to him in Britain rather than having it sent by ship.

It must have seemed like a good idea at the time. The car in question is a $158,000 Lexus LS 600h, a luxury sedan that offers both high performance and a reassuring "green" patina because it uses a hybrid system that relies on an electric motor at low speeds.

Best of all, it was to be a gift from the Lexus car company, which sponsored McCartney's 2005 tour of the United States.

But environmentalists quickly pointed out the use of a cargo plane to deliver the car to England completely offset any environmental gains resulting from the car's use.

"It's like driving the car 300 times around the world," says Gary Rumbold, the director of the British branch of co2balance, which helps businesses and individuals gauge carbon emissions footprint. "It seems like somebody at Lexus made an error in judgment. They wanted to get something to McCartney promptly but it backfired." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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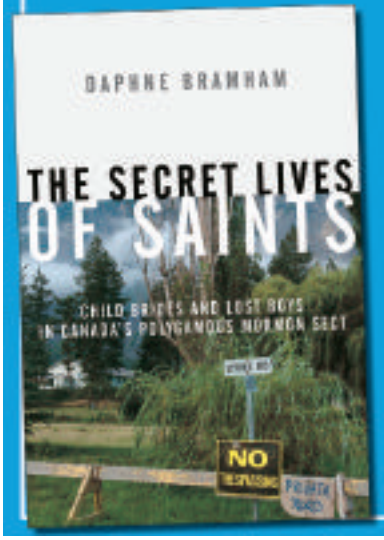
Paul McCartney

CHILD BRIDES AND POLYGAMY



IN CANADA?

Winston Blackmore of Bountiful, B.C., says it's God's will that he has **dozens of wives and scores of children**. Canada's most outspoken polygamist has **publicly admitted to marrying girls as young as fifteen**. Polygamy and sex with minors are both illegal in Canada and yet Blackmore and this cult flourish. ***The Secret Lives of Saints*** is a riveting, shocking account of the founding and flourishing of the polygamous, fundamentalist Mormon sect in Bountiful, B.C.

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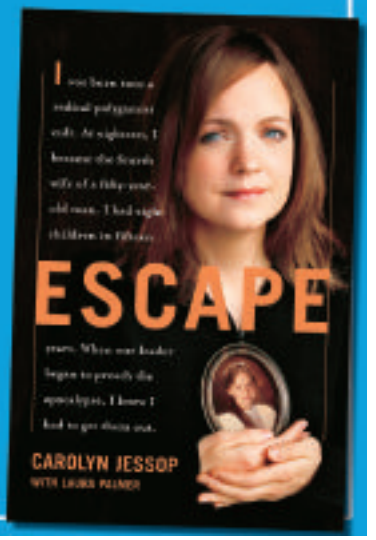
–Jon Krakauer, author of *Into Thin Air* and *Into the Wild*



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Contest down to final two

By SANDY CAETANO
Metro Toronto

The results are in — next week's American Idol finale will see man pitted against boy, David Cook versus David Archuleta.

So it's come down to the rocker and the balladeer, and who's crowned king this season will be left in the hands of American viewers at the end of next week's performance show. And though these two guys have been great competitors with solid performances — Syesha Mercado, who was eliminated during last night's show, was also battling her way to the end.

Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to land her a spot in the final two. And though it may be upsetting to many of her fans, Mercado did get a lot of exposure while in the singing competition and has a good chance of making it on her own in the music industry.

Mercado was one of the most improved this season, and as her fellow competitors were being voted off the show, it gave her more of a chance to shine and prove just how remarkable her powerful voice is.

During last night's show, host Ryan Seacrest announced that a season high of nearly 56 million votes came pouring in this week following the end of Tuesday's performance episode. And it was Mercado's turn to say goodbye.

Before the results were read, and the top two revealed, the three remaining competitors gave viewers one final group performance, while the rest of the show focused on each of the competitors' hometown visits.

Viewers were also treated to a performance by former American Idol winner Fantasia Barrino, who sang her latest song Bore Me. The title of that song says it all. Well, that and the bewildered look on judge Simon Cowell's face.

As Seacrest got ready to announce who was moving on, he picked up a few comments from the judges.

"If you're really, really lucky, the world is going to watch ... and the world will remember all three of you," said Paula Abdul.

"There's too many words, I don't know what to say ... I just want to say thank you," said Mercado before singing Alicia Keys' If I Ain't Got You.

Catch American Idol Tuesday on CTV at 8 p.m.

Moore making Fahrenheit sequel

Michael Moore is at work on a sequel to Fahrenheit 9/11, his hit documentary about the Iraq war, with plans to release it next spring when a new administration is installed in the White House, imdb.com reports.

The film is being jointly financed and distributed by Overture Films, a subsidiary of John Malone's Liberty Media, and the Paramount speciality subsidiary Paramount Vantage.

The studios said this week that Moore had agreed to a delay in the release so it would not appear to be taking sides with any candidate

The original film was the most successful documentary ever made — grossing nearly $220 million US worldwide.

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»news In Brief

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Adoption nears conclusion

Madonna court hearing to take place today

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Madonna's Malawian adoption could be approved this week.

Pop diva Madonna's bid to adopt a Malawian toddler she found in an orphanage in 2006 is likely to be approved in court this week, according to her lawyer.

Alan Chinula said Madonna's legal team and government representatives would be in Lilongwe High Court today. The pop star and her husband, film director Guy Ritchie, are not required to be present. Judge Andrew Nyirenda will review two reports by Malawian officials overseeing the adoption of two-year-old David Banda.

"We are confident he will grant the Ritchies permanent custody order," said Chinula.

Chief social welfare officer Simon Chisale wrote two glowing reports, describing Madonna as a "perfect mum" for David, who was sickly and malnourished when the singing star found him at the Home of Hope Orphanage.

Nyirenda said in October 2006 he would revoke the custody order if he was convinced David was being treated differently from the Ritchies' other children or his human rights were being violated in any way. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lucian Freud painting sets auction record

A Christie's auction house spokeswoman says a painting by British artist Lucian Freud has broken a global record for living artists by fetching more than $33 million US at a New York sale.

Spokeswoman Sara Fox says an anonymous buyer won Tuesday's bidding for Freud's Benefits Supervisor Sleeping. The life-size 1995 portrait depicts a nude woman sleeping on a worn-out sofa. The 85-year-old Freud is grandson of psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud.

At more than $33.6 million, the price easily topped the $23.6 million record for living artists. It was set in November by Jeff Koons' Hanging Heart sculpture.

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Kristin Chenoweth, right, has joined Jeremy Sisto in the cast of the indie drama Into Temptation. The story is about a suicidal prostitute (Chenoweth) who confesses her plans to kill herself to a priest (Sisto). EW.COM

In defence of messiness

Columnist examines lifestyle in documentary

Josh Freed, a Montreal journalist and admitted slob, doesn't deny his documentary about being messy is somewhat self-serving.

After all, My Messy Life, an hour-long film airing on CTV on Saturday, is an impassioned defence of a cluttered life and an attempt to prove that having a messed-up desk does not a messed-up person make.

And after hearing from grateful messy people recently in Montreal during radio call-in shows about his documentary, the Montreal Gazette reporter with the astonishingly untidy office was feeling jubilant.

"The messes are feeling totally liberated, obviously," Freed, 58, said giddily from the CBC Radio newsroom. "And the neat are feeling quite defensive, much more so than I thought."

CTV PHOTO

Montreal columnist Josh Freed gets to work in his home office.

And yet Freed confesses he had an extremely difficult time finding similar slobs to appear on camera and show off their chaotic work and living spaces. One who braved the potential ridicule was Irwin Cotler, Canada's former justice minister, who is seen during the documentary negotiating mountains of papers and file folders in his cramped Ottawa office.

"I had interviewed him many years ago and walked into his office and said: 'Wow, this guy makes me feel like a blood brother.' In fact, he was even more chaotic than me," Freed recalls.

"After he became a cabinet minister, he always made sure he kept his front office clean and looking like a justice minister's, but his inner sanctum was still Irwin Cotler. He loves piles. He feels like piles are passion, and he's brilliant, and that works for him."

Sadly for Freed, however, Cotler was one of the few courageous slobs.

"The hard thing was convincing people to be in this film — I'd say one in 10 said yes. So many people, so many famous scientists, so many famous celebrities, they just wouldn't do it," he said, adding they backed out because those close to them urged them not to publicly air their dirty laundry.

Among other things, My Messy Life examines what happens when a neat freak marries a slob and attacks long-held notions that messy people are hopelessly unorganized and consequently unsuccessful.

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Winehouse cleared in drug video probe

Amy Winehouse will not face charges over video footage that allegedly shows her taking drugs, her spokesman said yesterday.

Police questioned the Grammy-winning soul diva for nine hours last week over a January video that appears to show her smoking a pipe usually used for crack cocaine during a party at her north London home. Police began an investigation after photos from the footage were published in The Sun newspaper.

Winehouse

Spokesman Chris Goodman said police had finished their investigation and confirmed no charges would be brought against the 24-year-old singer.

"Amy is pleased to be able to move on," he said in a statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cannes film fest kicks off

The Cannes Film Festival usually starts with a movie that's light and goes down easy.

So yesterday's dark, apocalyptic opening film seemed a puzzling choice — even to the movie's director.

Blindness, by Brazilian director Fernando Meirelles, (City Of God, The Constant Gardener), is about an epidemic of blindness that strikes suddenly and inexplicably, with victims shunted off to a squalid institution. The film is a Canadian-Japanese-Brazilian co-production, with a screenplay written by Toronto's Don McKellar.

Compare that to past opening night films that have generally been festive or crowd-pleasing — like Moulin Rouge or The Da Vinci Code.

"To be honest, I still don't think that this is the best film to open the festival," said Meirelles.

That hasn't stopped celebrities from attending the annual event, however. Eva Longoria, Cate Blanchett, Faye Dunaway, Aishwarya Rai and Mischa Barton were among the stars on the red carpet yesterday. The festival honoured jury president Sean Penn with a video tribute at the opening ceremony. Singer and guitarist Richie Havens sang, giving Penn a hug afterward.

Toronto's Atom Egoyan is also back at Cannes, this time with Adoration, centred on a youth who reinvents himself in cyberspace.

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pregnancy

Black busts Jolie's twins silence

PEOPLE Actress Angelina Jolie is indeed expecting twins and it was Jack Black who let the news slip.

Long rumoured to have two children by Brad Pitt on the way, Jolie confirmed the news during an interview with Black, her Kung Fu Panda co-star. The two are in Cannes, France, promoting the animated film.

Jolie didn't volunteer the information until Black joked the couple will "have as many as (the) Brady Bunch when you have these."

"It's confirmed?" followed Today interviewer Natalie Morales.

"Yeah, yeah, we've confirmed that already," Jolie said. "Well, Jack's just confirmed it actually."

memorabilia

Commandments tablets up for sale

AUCTION Thou shalt find the Ten Commandments up for bid this summer.

The pair of faux stone tablets that Charlton Heston cradled in the 1956 biblical epic The Ten Commandments should fetch as much as $60,000 US, said Marc Kruskol, a publicist for the auction Profiles in History. It is the fourth set of tablets that remain from the film, which featured Heston in the role of Moses. The auction runs July 31-Aug. 1.

Heston died April 5 in Beverly Hills, Calif., at the age of 84. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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X-Weighted gains another season

ON TV

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These can range from meeting deadlines at school or work, not being able to pursue the career you really want or having to deal with the loss of a loved one.

Yet, we all deal with such struggles differently. Some of us bottle it inside, some are able to talk about it, while others may overeat.

Food isn't an escape from your worries, it just makes it all that much harder to cope and adds more problems to your list.

The third season of Slice's X-Weighted, which premiered last week, is a series of 13 one-hour long documentaries chronicling the lives of normal people trying to bag that excess fat.

Over a period of six months these people will push their minds and bodies to the limits to get back on track of living a healthy life.

In the premiere episode, Debbi, a 26-year-old homemaker, wife and mother of three from Calgary, hardly recognized herself anymore. In her mind's eye she sees herself as thin, but when she looks at photos or sees herself in a mirror she's horrified. But she was able to shed 39 lbs.

During last night's episode, 26-year-old Gaia, also from Calgary, is an out-of-shape, roller derby mama who wants to battle her weight and self-esteem issues to become a role model for her toddler daughter. And now she's happier having achieved her weight-loss goal.

Like Gaia and Debbi, all the people on the show are given guidance from experts in fitness like Paul Plakas, nutrition experts like holistic nutritionist Crystal Andrus and self-esteem experts like Fred Connors.

Next week, Kristi, a patrol supervisor from Toronto who oversees road crews, begins her journey and vows to regain control of her weight and get back into the dating scene again.

By the end of the series, a record-setting 809 lbs is lost. Catch X-Weighted Wednesdays on Slice at 8 p.m.

Sandy Caetano has been with Metro for five years, and covers reality shows from Canadian Idol to The Bachelor. She's interviewed stars like Leanne Rimes, Lionel Richie, Paul Anka, Good Charlotte and more.

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Enter **Common Sort** (804 Queen St. E. at Degrassi), Babin's resale boutique in Leslieville where savvy consumers can buy, sell or trade hip clothing and accessories. The stock is a rotating mix of brand-name labels, designer wear and quality vintage for both men and women with price tags that range from just $10 to $70. With fresh scores arriving almost daily, it's wise to visit often. Spotted recently: Diane Von Furstenberg satin flats ($50) and a Hugo Boss men's shirt for a mere $24. Visit: *www.commonsort.com*

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Yummy Mummy Farewell Sale

IF YOU'RE preggers or planning to be anytime soon, mark your calendars — next weekend (May 23 and 24, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.) is the date for the very last **Yummy Mummy** sale. This popular Canadian line of funky and flattering maternity wear is going out of production after 10 years of creating cool fashion options for those with growing bumps.

Expect a lineup, but the wait is worth the savings, as all merchandise will be marked down by 40 to 70 per cent. Many items will be one or few of a kind, and will not be available again.

Don't miss this final chance to scoop up some foxy threads that celebrate a swelling belly in style.

Where: Lilith, 541 Queen St. W. (near Spadina), 416-703-4111. Note: This is a cash-only sale (no debit, cheques or credit cards accepted). Visit: *www.yummymummy.net.*

Biz Tips for Misfits at Peach Berserk

THINKING OF starting up your own fashion business, but not sure where to start? Consider signing up for veteran DIY-diva Kingi Carpenter's creative business seminar tonight (7 to 9) at her studio and shop **Peach Berserk** (507 Queen W., near Spadina). Aimed at potential entrepreneurs, this informal how-to session covers all the basics of launching your own crafty/fashion business on a budget: How to market yourself, selling and pricing tips, your online presence, plus insider advice on how to keep yourself afloat long term.

There's also a Q&A element at the end for those with specific queries.

Cost: $49, plus GST. Call 416-504-1711 or visit: *www.peachberserk.com.*

Check out next weekend's Yummy Mummy sale at Lilith, 541 Queen St. W.

Nathalie-Roze Fischer is an accessories designer, writer and DIY enthusiast. Visit her online at www.nathalie-roze.com or at her indie shop/studio in Leslieville (1015 Queen St. East).

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The shameless self-parody of Shatner

IDIOT BOX

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TO BOLDLY GO: As celebrities go, William Shatner is the gift that keeps on giving, having long since won the battle to turn shameless self-parody into a positive character trait, and a beneficial career move. The tragedy of Shatner is that almost nobody, except perhaps Christopher Walken, has managed to pull off anything resembling this feat.

In an article on his new autobiography on the contactmusic.com site, Shatner is quoted on the inadvisability of getting involved with fans — or Star Trek fans, at the very least.

Citing what sounds like personal experience, Shatner says fans arrived at the captain's quarters, so to speak, with a few issues, and more than a few fantasies, in tow. They would insist on being "beamed up" — whatever that's supposed to mean — and would shriek "So, this is what it's like to be in bed with Captain Kirk!"

"You can't imagine how much of a downer that is in every sense of the word," Shatner writes. And that, Scotty, is what we call too much information.

TV IS POLITICS BY OTHER MEANS: As if he didn't have enough to worry about with a credit crisis, botched new tax policies and a recent electoral trouncing, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown is apparently launching a charm offensive, with new policies aiding housing, families and schools and, if an Associated Press story yesterday is to be believed, a tentative plan to appear on a reality TV show.

Brown is entertaining a spot as a guest judge on Junior P.M., a British reality show modelled roughly on The Apprentice, where contestants try to prove they have what it takes to lead a constitutional monarchy. Brown has admitted to being a fan of reality shows in the past, and has to deal with an image problem that dogs him as glum and humourless.

To this end, according to the Associated Press story, he has tried to soften his image recently, "holding talks with pop star Shakira and recording a video message for American Idol." It sounds promising, at least — the long conflict between Shakira and Britain has been a problem for the country's foreign policy.

Of course, none of this seems to have done much good, as Brown's Labour party suffered terribly at the hands of the Tories in recent elections, and is presumed to likely do as poorly at a special election next week.

Here's a radical idea — maybe Brown shouldn't be running about trying to look like someone's dad throwing gang signs and going emo; perhaps this might at least partially account for his party's poor performance in the polls. A humourless politician, at least, is one that doesn't give the impression he has something to laugh about, at our potential expense.

RENE MACURA/AP PHOTO

Former Star Trek star William Shatner discusses the downside of getting involved with fans in a recent article.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed wire and has a cobra snake for a necktie.

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critics' corner

Futurama

This episode answers the question "Just how stupid is Fry?" Apparently he's so moronic that when giant flying brains try to take over Earth by turning everyone into idiots, Fry (voice of Billy West) is the only one resistant to them. Why? He's already an imbecile, so it's impossible for him to become any more unintelligent. 8:30 PM on TEL

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

A famous Vegas gangster is murdered, and the prime suspect is none other than the CSI team's own Warrick Brown (Gary Dourdan). Of course he's innocent ... or is he? Warrick himself isn't entirely sure whether he committed the crime. Let's hope Grissom (William Petersen) and the gang can get to the bottom of this. Marg Helgenberger, George Eads and Eric Szmanda also star in the season finale, "For Gedda." 8 PM on CTV

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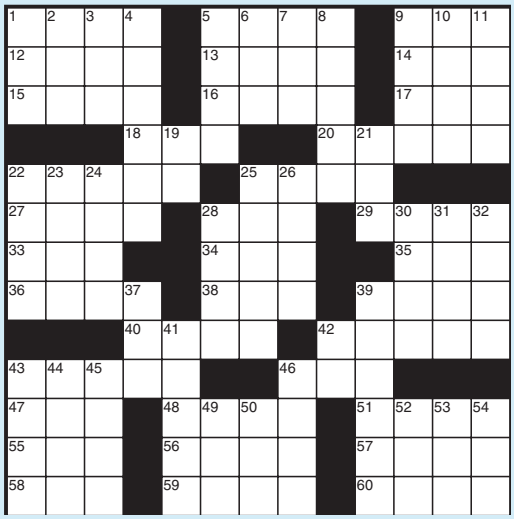

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previous answer

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ARIES | March 21-April 20
Make necessary changes to your lifestyle now. Problems indicate that maintenance is dysfunctional. Avoid battles with authority figures.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
There's a commotion in the cruel world. A ridiculous scandal is about to break out. Apologize when misunderstandings occur.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
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CANCER | June 22-July 22
A man will knock on the door for the last time. Commit yourself to a positive course of action. Dreams and fantasies will come true.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
A helper teaches you more than enough. A competitor's smile will make people nervous. Your emotional fitness level will rise.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
One of your most cherished goals is within reach. Don't waste any tears on an offensive person. You'll reap a strange reward.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
Things aren't as bad as they seem. It might take forever to get somewhere, but it'll be fun. March to the beat of a different drummer.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Someone will be acting unusually strangely. Don't wear your heart on your sleeve just yet. Moodiness will interfere with a plan.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
There will be a delay that can't be helped. Visit with friends with something to share. Shake a skeleton out of a closet.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Don't let any bitterness bite you. A clue is given about something new. An informant makes a comment about promotions.

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instructions

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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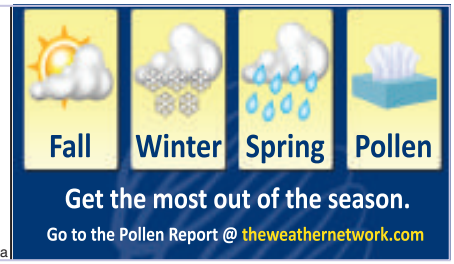

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celebritybuzz

Joel's night out angers Nicole

While Nicole Richie was home caring for her baby, her fiancé, Good Charlotte front man Joel Madden, spent a night partying with actress Lindsay Lohan, starmagazine.com reports.

Needless to say, the reality TV star was crushed.

The trouble started for the new mom after she decided to stay home with Harlow, her four-month-old daughter with Madden, while he deejayed at a Cinco de Mayo party in Los Angeles. However, while there, Madden reportedly seemed more interested in Lohan than in spinning records.

"Their heads were practically touching, and he had his leg over hers," says one onlooker. "Joel has a flirtatious side, and he definitely wasn't turning her away."

Richie was immediately alerted to the situation by her pal Paris Hilton, who sent her a text message: "Lindsay was all over Joel!"

Richie is then said to have frantically tried to call Madden, but he wasn't answering his phone.

"He was so zeroed in on Lindsay, he never heard his cell ring," a friend said. "Nicole felt so incredibly helpless and upset that she threw her phone against the wall in a rage."

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Maxim lauds Marisa

Supermodel Marisa Miller is the hottest woman in the world, according to Maxim magazine.

Miller "embodies the official return of the all-American supermodel," People.com quotes the magazine as saying. "Not since Cindy Crawford ruled the catwalk has a pinup born and bred on U.S. soil so thoroughly captured the imagination of the American male."

Of her career, Miller says, "I get a kick out of it, but it would be stupid to let it go to my head. It's modelling – I didn't find the cure for cancer."

Other stars on the list include actress Scarlett Johansson in the No. 2 spot, actress Jessica Biel at No. 3, and actress Eva Longoria Parker, who the magazine dubs "hotter than a truckload of jalapenos," at No. 4.

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Halle to wed baby daddy

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Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry are reportedly engaged, female-first.co.uk reports.

Canadian model Aubry, who has a one-month-old daughter Nahla Ariela with Berry, is said to have proposed to the actress, and given her a ring which belonged to his grandmother.

"Gabriel felt the time was right to propose," a source said. "He gave her the family heirloom because he wanted to show her how much she means to him, and how she will be accepted into the Aubry family. The ring belonged to Gabriel's grandmother – it was her engagement ring."

Berry was first seen wearing a diamond ring in Los Angeles over the weekend.

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Shayne's racy photos

She may be engaged, but The Bachelor: London Calling winner Shayne Lamas isn't saving everything for her future husband Matt Grant, thehollywoodgossip.com reports.

Lamas is appearing on the cover of Girls Gone Wild magazine. In a racy six-page photo spread, Lamas, 22, reveals details of her time on the reality show. She reportedly admits she jumped on board The Bachelor in order to seek fame.

"It's what every girl wants," she said, characterizing Grant, as being "very casual (and) respectful of women."

Girls Gone Wild publisher Joe Francis says Lamas' appeal is easy to sum up: "Shayne has a genuine 'girl next door' quality," he said in a press release. "And she also happens to be very hot." Metro News Services

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Sex no big deal to Jessica

Jessica Alba wasn't exactly expecting to get pregnant at 27, but, hey – things happen, the New York Daily News reports.

And getting pregnant wasn't entirely an accident she tells the June issue of Allure magazine.

"I can't say it was a total accident," the actress says. "Because you're aware of when you're being careful and when you're not. It just happened so soon."

Sex has never been something Alba has taken super seriously.

"I never believed women had to be virgins when they got married, or that a woman has to fall in love with a guy just because they're having sex. I don't think sex is a big deal," she says.

But she is in love now and planning to marry the father of her baby, producer Cash Warren.

Alba admits she and Warren have had their relationship ups and downs. Last May, they broke up briefly and more recently, Alba reveals, she kicked him out of their Beverly Hills House.

"Yes I kicked him out," she admits. "But it wasn't like that .... When you're pregnant your emotions are more tense. If the shoes are in the wrong place you kind of lose your mind."

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Nick, Mariah eye 2nd nuptials

Mariah Carey and her new husband Nick Cannon will celebrate their first wedding anniversary by staging a more public ceremony in America, imdb.com reports.

The couple wed in secret at Carey's Bahamas retreat on April 30 and the pop superstar reveals she's already making plans to renew her vows. "We're just going to have another (wedding) next year," Carey said. "His plan is to have one every year."

Carey told talk-show host Ellen DeGeneres about the secrecy surrounding her wedding.

"We wanted to be on the beach and we didn't want other people taking pictures."

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It's a girl for Rowan

Kelly Rowan, who played resident party planner and family matriarch Kirsten "Kiki" Cohen on The O.C., is a new mom, People.com reports.

"Kelly Rowan gave birth to a happy and healthy baby girl in Los Angeles on April 28," says a spokesperson. "Mom and daughter are doing great."

According to the rep, Rowan recently split from her fiancé, Canadian businessman David Thomson.

The Ottawa-born Rowan, 42, played Adam Brody's mom and Peter Gallagher's wife on the series. She also served as executive producer of In God's Country, a movie for Lifetime in which she starred.

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Sarah Jessica poses for Leibovitz

Sarah Jessica Parker has joined forces with controversial photographer Annie Leibovitz for a racy spread in an upcoming issue of Vogue magazine, imdb.com reports.

The 43-year-old actress is snapped alongside her Sex And The City: The Movie onscreen lover Chris Noth, who is shown in one of the images filming Parker with a video camera as she crawls seductively on the floor.

Legendary photographer Leibovitz came under fire just last month, when she was blasted by the media and family values groups for her shots of 15-year-old singer/actress Miley Ray Cyrus for Vanity Fair magazine. One photo showed Cyrus wrapped in a satin sheet.

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